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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **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 March 31, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-18630

# **CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of other jurisdiction of

95-4274680 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California (Address of principal executive offices)

90012 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (213) 625-4700

(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. Yes x 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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x 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. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes " No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common stock, \$.01 par value, 78,634,462 shares outstanding as of April 29, 2011.

## CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

## 1ST QUARTER 2011 REPORT ON FORM 10-Q

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#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

In this quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the term Bancorp refers to Cathay General Bancorp and the term Bank refers to Cathay Bank. The terms Company, we, us, and our refer to Bancorp and the Bank collectively. The statements in this report include forward-looking statements within the meaning of the applicable provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding management s beliefs, projections, and assumptions concerning future results and events. We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provision for forward-looking statements in these provisions. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements for purposes of federal and state securities laws, including statements about anticipated future operating and financial performance, financial position and liquidity, growth opportunities and growth rates, growth plans, acquisition and divestiture opportunities, business prospects, strategic alternatives, business strategies, financial expectations, regulatory and competitive outlook, investment and expenditure plans, financing needs and availability and other similar forecasts and statements of expectation and statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Words such as aims, anticipates, believes, could, estimates, expects, hopes, intends, may, plans, predicts. potential, continue, and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements by us are based on estimates, beliefs, projections, and assumptions of management and are not guarantees of future performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and our present expectations or projections. Such risks and uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, adverse developments or conditions related to or arising from:

U.S. and international economic and market conditions;
market disruption and volatility;
current and potential future supervisory action by bank supervisory authorities and changes in laws and regulations, or their interpretations;
restrictions on dividends and other distributions by laws and regulations and by our regulators and our capital structure;
credit losses and deterioration in asset or credit quality;
availability of capital;
potential goodwill impairment;
liquidity risk;
fluctuations in interest rates;
past and future acquisitions;
inflation and deflation;

success of expansion, if any, of our business in new markets;

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the soundness of other financial institutions;
real estate market conditions;
our ability to compete with competitors;
increased costs of compliance and other risks associated with changes in regulation and the current regulatory environment, including the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act ), and the potential for substantial changes in the legal, regulatory, and enforcement framework and oversight applicable to financial institutions in reaction to recent adverse financial market events, including changes pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act;
the short term and long term impact of the Basel II and the proposed Basel III capital standards of the Basel Committee;
our ability to retain key personnel;
successful management of reputational risk;
natural disasters and geopolitical events;
general economic or business conditions in California, Asia, and other regions where the Bank has operations;
restrictions on compensation paid to our executives as a result of our participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program;
our ability to adapt our information technology systems; and
changes in accounting standards or tax laws and regulations.  I other factors are further described in Cathay General Bancorp s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 201 in particular), other reports and registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and other filing the the SEC from time to time. Actual results in any future period may also vary from the past results discussed in this report. Given

These and 0 (Item 1A s it makes wi these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak to the date of this report. Cathay General Bancorp has no intention and undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or to publicly announce any revision of any forward-looking statement to reflect future developments or events, except as required by law.

Cathay General Bancorp s filings with the SEC are available at the website maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov, or by request directed to Cathay General Bancorp, 9650 Flair Drive, El Monte, California 91731, Attention: Investor Relations (626) 279-3286.

#### PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

## CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

## (Unaudited)

	larch 31, 2011 thousands, except sl		ember 31, 2010 per share data)
ASSETS	, <b>,</b>	Î	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 87,111	\$	87,347
Short-term investments and interest bearing deposits	169,963		206,321
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0		110,000
Securities held-to-maturity (market value of \$1,228,109 in 2011 and \$837,359 in 2010)	1,231,955		840,102
Securities available-for-sale (amortized cost of \$1,545,034 in 2011 and \$2,005,330 in			
2010)	1,537,111		2,003,567
Trading securities	3,824		3,818
Loans held for sale	2,388		2,873
Loans	6,894,311		6,868,621
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(241,030)		(245,231)
Unamortized deferred loan fees	(7,827)		(7,621)
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Loans, net	6,645,454		6,615,769
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	61,364		63,873
Other real estate owned, net	75,585		77,740
Investments in affordable housing partnerships, net	86,896		88,472
Premises and equipment, net	108,790		109,456
Customers liability on acceptances	22,623		14,014
Accrued interest receivable	33,524		35,382
Goodwill	316,340		316,340
Other intangible assets	15,520		17,044
Other assets	215,961		209,868
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Total assets	\$ 10,614,409	\$	10,801,986
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY			
Deposits			
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 960,677	\$	930,300
Interest-bearing accounts:			
NOW accounts	415,986		418,703
Money market accounts	1,012,324		982,617
Saving accounts	390,679		385,245
Time deposits under \$100,000	1,018,000		1,081,266
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more	3,281,641		3,193,715
Total deposits	7,079,307		6,991,846
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,459,000		1,561,000
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	350,000		550,000
Other borrowings from financial institutions	10,991		8,465
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Other borrowings for affordable housing investments	19,075	19,111
Long-term debt	171,136	171,136
Acceptances outstanding	22,623	14,014
Other liabilities	50,101	50,309
Total liabilities	9,162,233	9,365,881
Commitments and contingencies	0	0
Stockholders equity		
Preferred stock, 10,000,000 shares authorized, 258,000 issued and outstanding in 2011		
and in 2010	248,334	247,455
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 82,842,027 issued and		
78,634,462 outstanding at March 31, 2011, and 82,739,348 issued and 78,531,783		
outstanding at December 31, 2010	828	827
Additional paid-in-capital	764,098	762,509
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net	(4,592)	(1,022)
Retained earnings	560,797	543,625
Treasury stock, at cost (4,207,565 shares at March 31, 2011, and at December 31, 2010)	(125,736)	(125,736)
Total Cathay General Bancorp stockholders equity	1,443,729	1,427,658
Noncontrolling Interest	8,447	8,447
Total equity	1,452,176	1,436,105
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 10,614,409	\$ 10,801,986

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

## CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)

## (Unaudited)

				2010
INTERPRETATION INCOME	(In the	ousands, except s	hare and p	er share data)
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	ф	00.550	Ф	05.720
Loan receivable, including loan fees	\$	90,558	\$	95,739
Investment securities- taxable		21,854		30,288
Investment securities- nontaxable		1,056		77
Federal Home Loan Bank stock		47		48
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		41		0
Deposits with banks		221		317
Total interest and dividend income		113,777		126,469
INTEREST EXPENSE				
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more		10,725		15,383
Other deposits		5,720		9,101
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		16,171		16,312
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank		4,849		10,039
Long-term debt		1,206		913
Short-term borrowings		1		0
Total interest expense		38,672		51,748
Total interest expense		36,072		31,746
Net interest income before provision for credit losses		75,105		74,721
Provision for credit losses		6,000		84,000
Net interest income/(loss) after provision for credit losses		69,105		(9,279)
NON-INTEREST INCOME				
Securities gains, net		6,232		3,439
Letters of credit commissions		1,278		959
Depository service fees		1,361		1,357
Other operating income/(loss)		3,755		(971)
other operating meome/(1653)		3,733		(7/1)
Total non-interest income		12,626		4,784
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE				
Salaries and employee benefits		18,271		15,226
Occupancy expense		3,538		3,838
Computer and equipment expense		2,183		2,013
Professional services expense		3,729		4,639 5 144
FDIC and State assessments		4,317		5,144
Marketing expense		695		899
Other real estate owned expense, net		221		3,295
Operations of affordable housing investments, net		1,976		2,113
Amortization of core deposit intangibles		1,481		1,507

Cost associated with debt redemption	8,811	909
Other operating expense	2,561	4,580
Total non-interest expense	47,783	44,163
Income/(loss) before income tax expense/(benefit)	33,948	(48,658)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	11,734	(23,068)
Net income/(loss)	22,214	(25,590)
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(151)	(151)
Net income/(loss) attributable to Cathay General Bancorp	22,063	(25,741)
Dividends on preferred stock	(4,105)	(4,092)
Net income/(loss) available to common stockholders	17,958	(29,833)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax		
Unrealized holding gain/(loss) arising during the period	(950)	9,495
Less: reclassification adjustments included in net income	2,620	1,446
Total other comprehensive gain/(loss), net of tax	(3,570)	8,049
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to Cathay General Bancorp	\$ 18,493	\$ (17,692)
Net income/(loss) per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.41)
Diluted	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.41)
Cash dividends paid per common share	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.010
Basic average common shares outstanding Diluted average common shares outstanding	78,609,460	72,653,755 72,653,755
See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.	78,635,620	12,033,133
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## CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## (Unaudited)

Cash Flows from Operating Activities  Net Income /(loss) \$ 22,2  Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities:  Provision for loan losses 6,00  Provision for losses on other real estate owned 1,9°	00 84,000 79 2,855 25 (17,131 21 2,071
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Depreciation 1,52	
Net gains on sale and transfer of other real estate owned (3,60)	
	57 199
Gain on sales and calls of securities (6,2:	
	74) 3,679
•	81) 61
Amortization/accretion of security premiums/discounts, net 1,2:	
Amortization of intangibles 1,4	
	34 87
	63 1,137
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Decrease in accrued interest receivable 1,8:	
(Increase)/decrease in other assets, net (6,9)	
•	98 (2,112
increase/(decrease) in other habilities	76 (2,112
Net cash provided by operating activities 25,13	31 64,658
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Decrease/(increase) in short-term investments 36,30	
Decrease in securities purchased under agreements to resell 110,00	
Purchase of investment securities available-for-sale (7,70)	
Proceeds from maturity and calls of investment securities available-for-sale	0 493,170
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available-for-sale 217,20	
Purchase of mortgage-backed securities available-for-sale (100,4)	
Proceeds from repayment and sale of mortgage-backed securities available-for-sale 356,95	
Purchase of investment securities held-to-maturity (419,40)	
Proceeds from maturity, call and prepayment of investment securities held-to-maturity 26,9°	
Purchase of trading securities	0 (12,981
Redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock 2,50	
Net increase in loans (47,6)	, , , , , ,
Purchase of premises and equipment (1,0	,
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned 16,00	
Net increase in investment in affordable housing (26)	65) (1,999
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities 189,3:	52 (405,071
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Net increase/(decrease) in demand deposits, NOW accounts, money market and saving deposits 62,80	00 (21,856
Net increase in time deposits 24,8	
Net increase/(decrease) in federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase (102,00	
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank 286,00	

Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	(486,000)	(143,000)
Cash dividends	(786)	(785)
Issuance of common stock	0	124,924
Cash dividend paid on preferred stock	(3,225)	(3,225)
Proceeds from other borrowings	2,526	6,139
Proceeds from shares issued through Dividend Reinvestment Plan	54	83
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,307	0
Excess tax short-fall from share-based payment arrangements	(234)	(87)
Net cash (used in)/ provided by financing activities	(214,719)	305,215
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(236)	(35,198)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	87,347	100,124
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ 87,111	\$ 64,926
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Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Cash paid during the period:		
Interest	\$ 40,765	\$ 51,903
Income taxes paid/(refunded)	\$ 21,600	\$ (7,142)
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Net change in unrealized holding (loss)/gain on securities available-for-sale, net of tax	\$ (3,571)	\$ 8,049
Loans to facilitate sale of loans	\$ 0	\$ 23,500
Transfers to other real estate owned	\$ 14,035	\$ 51,972
Transfers to other real estate owned from loans held for sale	\$ 2,874	\$ 5,851
Loans transfers from investment to held for sale	\$ 2,388	\$ 0
Loans to facilitate the sale of other real estate owned	\$ 4,625	\$ 0
See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.		

#### CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

#### 1. Business

Cathay General Bancorp (the Bancorp ) is the holding company for Cathay Bank (the Bank and, together, the Company ), six limited partnerships investing in affordable housing investments in which the Bank is the sole limited partner, and GBC Venture Capital, Inc. The Bancorp also owns 100% of the common stock of five statutory business trusts created for the purpose of issuing capital securities. The Bank was founded in 1962 and offers a wide range of financial services. As of March 31, 2011, the Bank operated twenty branches in Southern California, eleven branches in Northern California, eight branches in New York State, three branches in Illinois, three branches in Washington State, two branches in Texas, one branch in Massachusetts, one branch in New Jersey, one branch in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Shanghai and in Taipei. Deposit accounts at the Hong Kong branch are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC ).

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2011. For further information, refer to the audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management of the Company to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amount of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates subject to change are the allowance for loan losses, goodwill impairment, and other-than-temporary impairment.

### 3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The FASB issued ASU 2010-06 *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements* in January 2010 to improve disclosure requirements related to ASC Topic 820. ASU 2010-06 requires an entity to report separately significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and to explain the transfers. It also requires an entity to present separately information about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements for Level 3 fair value measurements. ASU 2010-06 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. Adoption of ASU 2010-06 did not have a significant impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

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The FASB issued ASU 2010-20 Disclosures about the Credit Quality of Financing Receivables and the Allowance for Credit Losses in July 2010 to provide disclosures that 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. An entity should provide disclosures on two levels of disaggregation portfolio segment and class of financing receivable. The disclosure requirements include, among other things, a roll-forward schedule of the allowance for credit losses as well as information about modified, impaired, non-accrual and past due loans and credit quality indicators. ASU 2010-20 was effective for the entity s financial statements as of December 31, 2010, as related to end of a reporting period disclosure requirement. Disclosures that relate to activity during a reporting period is required for the entity s financial statements that include periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011. See Note 7 to these condensed consolidated financial statements for the required disclosures at March 31, 2011.

The FASB issued ASU 2010-28 When to Perform Step 2 of the Goodwill Impairment Test for Reporting Units with Zero or Negative Carrying Amounts. in December 2010. 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 a goodwill impairment exists, an entity should consider whether there are any adverse qualitative factors indicating that an impairment may exist such as 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. ASU 2010-28 was effective on December 15, 2010. Adoption of ASU 2010-28 did not have a significant impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-02 A Creditor s Determination of Whether a Restructuring Is a Troubled Debt Restructuring. ASU 2011-02 clarifies the guidance on creditor s evaluation of whether a restructuring constitutes a troubled debt restructuring. A restructuring constitutes a troubled debt restructuring if it meets both of the following criteria: (a) the restructuring constitutes a concession; and (b) the debtor is experiencing financial difficulties. ASU 2011-02 will be effective for interim and annual periods after June 15, 2011, and will be applied retrospectively to restructurings occurring on or after January 1, 2011. Adoption of ASU 2011-02 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

#### 4. Earnings/Loss per Share

Basic earnings per share exclude dilution and is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock and resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in earnings. Potential dilution is excluded from computation of diluted per-share amounts when a net loss from operation exists.

Outstanding stock options with anti-dilutive effect were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share. The following table sets forth loss per common stock share calculations:

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(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)	_	2011		2010
Net income/(loss) attributable to Cathay General Bancorp	\$	22,063	(\$	25,741)
Dividends on preferred stock		(4,105)		(4,092)
Net income/(loss) available to common stockholders	\$	17,958	(\$	29,833)
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	7	8,609,460	72	2,653,755
Diluted effect of weighted-average outstanding common shares equivalents				
Stock Options		26,160		0
Diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	7	8,635,620	72	2,653,755
Average shares of stock options, restricted stock units, and warrants with anti-dilutive effect	(	6,198,286	(	5,988,181
Earnings/(loss) per common stock share:				
Basic	\$	0.23	(\$	0.41)
Diluted	\$	0.23	(\$	0.41)

#### 5. Stock-Based Compensation

Under the Company s equity incentive plans, directors and eligible employees may be granted incentive or non-statutory stock options and/or restricted stock units, or awarded non-vested stock. As of March 31, 2011, the only options granted by the Company were non-statutory stock options to selected Bank officers and non-employee directors at exercise prices equal to the fair market value of a share of the Company s common stock on the date of grant. Such options have a maximum ten-year term and vest in 20% annual increments (subject to early termination in certain events) except certain options granted to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company in 2005 and 2008. If such options expire or terminate without having been exercised, any shares not purchased will again be available for future grants or awards. There were no options granted during 2010 and during the first quarter of 2011.

Option compensation expense totaled \$366,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2011, and \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010. Stock-based compensation is recognized ratably over the requisite service period for all awards. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to stock options totaled \$1.5 million at March 31, 2011, and is expected to be recognized over the next 1.9 years.

Stock options covering 86,860 shares were exercised during the first quarter of 2011 compared to none in the year of 2010. Cash received totaled \$1.3 million and the aggregate intrinsic value totaled \$172,000 from the exercise of stock options during the first quarter ended March 31, 2011. Fair value of stock options vested was \$2.6 million during the first quarter of 2011 and \$4.8 million during the first quarter of 2010. The table below summarizes stock option activity for the periods indicated:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	In	gregate trinsic n thousands)
Balance, December 31, 2010	4,947,348	27.93	3.7	\$	334
Exercised	(86,860)	15.05			
Forfeited	(481,588)	20.75			
Balance, March 31, 2011	4,378,900	\$ 28.86	3.9	\$	178
Exercisable, March 31, 2011	4,151,244	\$ 29.15	3.7	\$	178

In addition to stock options, the Company also grants restricted stock units to eligible employees. On February 21, 2008, restricted stock units for 82,291 shares were granted to eligible employees. Upon vesting of restricted stock units, the Company issued 15,006 shares of common stock at the closing price of \$9.64 per share on February 21, 2010, and 12,633 shares of common stock at the closing price of \$18.79 per share on February 21, 2011. Restricted stock units granted in 2008 have a maximum term of five years and vest in approximately 20% annual increments subject to continued employment with the Company.

In March 2011, the Company again granted restricted stock units of 65,243 shares to eligible employees. The closing price of the Company s common stock on the date of the grant was \$16.14 for the 15,069 restricted stock units granted on March 15, 2011 and \$16.15 for the 50,174 restricted stock units granted on March 23, 2011. These restricted stock units granted in March 2011 are scheduled to vest in March 2013.

The following table presents information relating to the restricted stock units as of March 31, 2011:

	Units
Balance at December 31, 2010	38,960
Granted	65,243
Forfeited	(1,168)
Vested	(12,633)
Balance at March 31, 2011	90,402

The compensation expense recorded related to the restricted stock units above was \$96,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2011, and \$82,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2010. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to restricted stock units was \$1.7 million at March 31, 2011, and is expected to be recognized over the next 2.0 years.

The following table summarizes the tax benefit (short-fall) from share-based payment arrangements:

	For the three months	s ended March 31,
(Dollars in thousands)	2011	2010
Benefit/(short-fall) of tax deductions in excess of grant-date fair		
value	\$ (234)	\$ (87)
Benefit of tax deductions on grant-date fair value	306	87
Total benefit of tax deductions	\$ 72	\$ 0

## **6. Investment Securities**

The following table reflects the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses, and fair values of investment securities as of March 31, 2011, and December 31, 2010:

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	31, 2011 Gross Unrealized Losses usands)	Fair Value
Securities Held-to-Maturity		Ì	ĺ	
U.S. government sponsored entities	\$ 99,932	\$ 2,272	\$ 0	\$ 102,204
State and municipal securities	129,978	24	5,755	124,247
Mortgage-backed securities	992,077	4,317	4,734	991,660
Other foreign debt securities	9,968	30	0	9,998
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 1,231,955	\$ 6,643	\$ 10,489	\$ 1,228,109
Securities Available-for-Sale				
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 125,554	\$ 0	\$ 7,497	\$ 118,057
U.S. government sponsored entities	635,018	187	9,169	626,036
State and municipal securities	1,873	0	143	1,730
Mortgage-backed securities	377,822	10,550	63	388,309
Collateralized mortgage obligations	21,641	630	135	22,136
Asset-backed securities	215	0	4	211
Corporate bonds	316,553	311	5,998	310,866
Mutual funds	4,000	0	88	3,912
Preferred stock of government sponsored entities	569	1,917	0	2,486
Trust preferred securities	22,317	204	12	22,509
Other foreign debt securities	38,004	64	308	37,760
Other equity securities	1,468	1,631	0	3,099
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 1,545,034	\$ 15,494	\$ 23,417	\$ 1,537,111
Total investment securities	\$ 2,776,989	\$ 22,137	\$ 33,906	\$ 2,765,220
Convities Hold to Motuvity	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	r 31, 2010 Gross Unrealized Losses usands)	Fair Value
Securities Held-to-Maturity	\$ 99.921	¢ 2.620	Φ 0	¢ 102.560
U.S. government sponsored entities State and municipal securities	, , .	\$ 2,639 0	\$ 0	\$ 102,560
Mortgage-backed securities	130,107		8,946	121,161
0.0	600,107 9,967	5,230 0	1,653 13	603,684 9,954
Other foreign debt securities	9,907	U	13	9,934
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 840,102	\$ 7,869	\$ 10,612	\$ 837,359
Securities Available-for-Sale				
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 125,573	\$ 0	\$ 6,745	\$ 118,828
U.S. government sponsored entities	830,269	1,653	6,840	825,082
State and municipal securities	1,875	0	157	1,718

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627,574	14,854	123	642,305
24,719	590	115	25,194
245	0	5	240
336,476	1,307	5,792	331,991
4,000	0	73	3,927
569	150	0	719
14,549	58	170	14,437
38,013	67	646	37,434
1,468	224	0	1,692
\$ 2,005,330	\$ 18,903	\$ 20,666	\$ 2,003,567
\$ 2,845,432	\$ 26,772	\$ 31,278	\$ 2,840,926
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The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities at March 31, 2011, by contractual maturities are shown below. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or repay obligations with or without call or repayment penalties.

	Securities Avai		Securities Held	•
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
		(In tho	ousands)	
Due in one year or less	\$ 59,348	\$ 59,480	\$ 0	\$ 0
Due after one year through five years	418,601	411,005	99,932	102,204
Due after five years through ten years	754,123	744,948	17,628	17,462
Due after ten years (1)	312,962	321,678	1,114,395	1,108,443
Total	\$ 1,545,034	\$ 1,537,111	\$ 1,231,955	\$ 1,228,109

#### (1) Equity securities are reported in this category

Proceeds from sales and repayments of mortgage-backed securities were \$356.9 million during the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$438.4 million during the same quarter a year ago. Proceeds from sales and repayments of other investment securities were \$217.3 million during the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$45.1 million during the first quarter of 2010. Proceeds from maturity and calls of investment securities were \$27.0 million during the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$502.6 million during the same quarter a year ago. Gains of \$6.2 million and no losses were realized on sales and calls of investment securities during the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$3.4 million in gains and no losses realized for the same quarter a year ago.

The temporarily impaired securities represent 56.9% of the fair value of investment securities as of March 31, 2011. Unrealized losses for securities with unrealized losses for less than twelve months represent 2.1%, and securities with unrealized losses for twelve months or more represent 5.9%, of the historical cost of these securities. Unrealized losses on these securities generally resulted from increases in interest rate spreads subsequent to the date that these securities were purchased. All of these securities were investment grade as of March 31, 2011, except two whole loan securities with a par amount at March 31, 2011 of \$9.5 million that were rated B and B2 and one corporate note with a principal balance of \$5.0 million was rated BB. At March 31, 2011, 11 issues of securities had unrealized losses for 12 months or longer and 180 issues of securities had unrealized losses of less than 12 months.

At March 31, 2011, management believed the impairment was temporary and, accordingly, no impairment loss has been recognized in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company expects to recover the amortized cost basis of its debt securities, and has no intent to sell and will not be required to sell available-for-sale debt securities that have declined below their cost before their anticipated recovery.

The table below shows the fair value, unrealized losses, and number of issuances of the temporarily impaired securities in our investment securities portfolio as of March 31, 2011, and December 31, 2010:

	Less	than 12 montl	hs	Temporaril	March 31, 2 y Impaired S onths or long	Securities		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances	Fair Value (Dolla	Unrealized Losses ars in thousan	Issuances	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	No. of Issuances
Securities Held-to-Maturity						,			
State and municipal securities	\$ 118,178	\$ 5,755	117	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 118,178	\$ 5,755	117
Mortgage-backed securities	427,835	4,734	12	0	0	0	427,835	4,734	12
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 546,013	\$ 10,489	129	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 546.013	\$ 10,489	129
Total socialises here to maturity	Ψ 0.0,010	Ψ 10,.02	1-7	Ψ 0	Ψ 0		Ψ 0.0,010	Ψ 10,.02	
Securities Available-for-Sale									
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 118,057	\$ 7,497	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 118,057	\$ 7,497	1
U.S. government sponsored entities	575,790		12	0	0	0	575,790	9,169	12
State and municipal securities	1,730	143	2	0	0	0	1,730	143	2
Mortgage-backed securities	576	5	5	80	1	3	656	6	8
Mortgage-backed									
securities-Non-agency	3,030	18	1	6,163	39	2	9,193	57	3
Collateralized mortgage obligations	0	0	0	838	135	4	838	135	4
Asset-backed securities	0	0	0	211	4	1	211	4	1
Corporate bonds	254,211	5,138	25	9,140	860	1	263,351	5,998	26
Mutual funds	3,912	88	1	0	0	0	3,912	88	1
Trust preferred securities	2,818	12	2	0	0	0	2,818	12	2
Other foreign debt securities	19,692	308	2	0	0	0	19,692	308	2
Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 979,816	\$ 22,378	51	\$ 16,432	\$ 1,039	11	\$ 996,248	\$ 23,417	62
Total investment securities	\$ 1,525,829	\$ 32,867	180	\$ 16,432	\$ 1,039	11	\$ 1,542,261	\$ 33,906	191

	As of December 31, 2010 Temporarily Impaired Securities													
	Less t	han	12 month	ıs	12 months or longer						Total		tal	
	Fair Value	_	realized Losses	No. of Issuances		Fair Value (Dolla	I		No. of Issuances nds)		Fair Value	_	realized Losses	No. of Issuances
Securities Held-to-Maturity														
State and municipal securities	\$ 121,161	\$	8,946	122	\$	0	\$	0	0	\$	121,161	\$	8,946	122
Mortgage-backed securities	89,439		1,653	2		0		0	0		89,439		1,653	2
Other foreign debt securities	9,954		13	1		0		0	0		9,954		13	1
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 220,554	\$	10,612	125	\$	0	\$	0	0	\$	220,554	\$	10,612	125
Securities Available-for-Sale														
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 118,828	\$	6,745	5	\$	0	\$	0	0	\$	118,828	\$	6,745	5
U.S. government sponsored entities	578,118		6,840	12		0		0	0		578,118		6,840	12
State and municipal securities	1,718		157	2		0		0	0		1,718		157	2
Mortgage-backed securities	354		4	7		32		1	1		386		5	8
Mortgage-backed														
securities-Non-agency	0		0	0		10,127		118	3		10,127		118	3
Collateralized mortgage obligations	0		0	0		887		115	4		887		115	4
Asset-backed securities	0		0	0		240		5	1		240		5	1
Corporate bonds	283,376		5,792	27		0		0	0		283,376		5,792	27
Mutual funds	3,927		73	1		0		0	0		3,927		73	1
Trust preferred securities	10,384		170	2		0		0	0		10,384		170	2
Other foreign debt securities	27,254		646	3		0		0	0		27,254		646	3

Total securities available-for-sale	\$ 1,023,959	\$ 20,427	59	\$ 11,286	\$	239	9	\$ 1,035,245	\$ 20,666	68
Total investment acquaities	¢ 1 244 512	¢ 21.020	101	¢ 11 206	¢	220	0	¢ 1 255 700	¢ 21 270	102
Total investment securities	\$ 1,244,513	\$ 31,039	184	\$ 11,286	Э	239	9	\$ 1,255,799	\$ 31,278	193

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Investment securities having a carrying value of \$1.79 billion at March 31, 2011, and \$1.80 billion at December 31, 2010, were pledged to secure public deposits, other borrowings, treasury tax and loan, Federal Home Loan Bank advances, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, interest rate swaps, and foreign exchange transactions.

#### 7. Loans

Most of the Company s business activity is predominately with Asian customers located in Southern and Northern California; New York City; Houston and Dallas, Texas; Seattle, Washington; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; and Edison, New Jersey. The Company has no specific industry concentration, and generally its loans are collateralized with real property or other pledged collateral of the borrowers. Loans are generally expected to be paid off from the operating profits of the borrowers, refinancing by another lender, or through sale by the borrowers of the secured collateral.

The components of loans in the consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2011, and December 31, 2010, were as follows:

	March 31, 2011 (In the	December 31, 201 ousands)		
Type of Loans:				
Commercial loans	\$ 1,531,593	\$	1,441,167	
Real estate construction loans	342,453		409,986	
Commercial mortgage loans	3,893,904		3,940,061	
Residential mortgage loans	897,108		852,454	
Equity lines	210,569		208,876	
Installment and other loans	18,684		16,077	
Gross loans	6,894,311		6,868,621	
Less:				
Allowance for loan losses	(241,030)		(245,231)	
Unamortized deferred loan fees	(7,827)		(7,621)	
Total loans, net	\$ 6,645,454	\$	6,615,769	
Loans held for sale	\$ 2,388	\$	2,873	

The Company transferred the only held for sale loan of \$2.9 million at December 31, 2010, to other real estate owned (OREO) in January 2011 and transferred two loans of \$2.4 million to held for sale status in March 2011.

The Company identified impaired loans with a recorded investment of \$412.2 million at March 31, 2011, compared to \$382.0 million at December 31, 2010. We considered all non-accrual loans to be impaired. For impaired loans, the amounts previously charged off represent 21.8% at March 31, 2011, and 23.3% at December 31, 2010, of the contractual balances for impaired loans.

The following table presents the average balance and interest income recognized related to impaired loans for the period indicated:

# Impaired Loans For the Three Months Ended

		March 3	31, 2011			March 31, 2010		
	Av	Average Recorded		erest	A	verage		
	Re			come	R	ecorded		
	Inv	estment	Recognized		Investment		Recognized	
Commercial loans	\$	41,982	\$	272	\$	41,020	\$	12
Real estate construction loans		86,024		330		94,466		352

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Commercial mortgage loans Residential mortgage and equity lines	253,1 16,5		1,066 25	238,016 11,870	776 6
Subtotal	\$ 397,6	55 \$	1,693	\$ 385,372	\$ 1,146

The following table presents impaired loans and the related allowance and charge-off as of the dates indicated:

	Impaired Loans								
	At	t March 31, 201	1	At D	ecember 31, 2	010			
	Unpaid Principal Balance	I Recorded Investment	Allowance	Unpaid Principal Balance n thousands)	Recorded Investment	Allowance			
With no allocated allowance									
Commercial loans	\$ 43,377	\$ 29,454	\$ 0	\$ 41,233	\$ 27,775	\$ 0			
Real estate construction loans	101,848	68,139	0	102,186	64,274	0			
Commercial mortgage loans	217,258	167,693	0	211,717	156,305	0			
Residential mortgage and equity lines	6,773	6,569	0	7,823	7,436	0			
Subtotal	\$ 369,256	\$ 271,855	\$ 0	\$ 362,959	\$ 255,790	\$ 0			
With allocated allowance									
Commercial loans	\$ 29,539	\$ 25,335	\$ 2,953	\$ 13,930	\$ 7,748	\$ 2,925			
Real estate construction loans	21,565	14,411	7,569	15,429	13,416	7,470			
Commercial mortgage loans	94,635	89,942	3,664	98,593	96,449	3,812			
Residential mortgage and equity lines	11,810	10,662	1,106	9,811	8,589	978			
Subtotal	\$ 157,549	\$ 140,350	\$ 15,292	\$ 137,763	\$ 126,202	\$ 15,185			
Total impaired loans	\$ 526,805	\$ 412,205	\$ 15,292	\$ 500,722	\$ 381,992	\$ 15,185			

The following table presents the aging of the loan portfolio by type as of March 31, 2011 and as of December 31, 2010:

		As of March 31, 2011 Greater than 90									
	30-59 Days Past Due		89 Days st Due		s Past ue	No	on-accrual Loans (In thousa		al Past Due	Loans Not Past Due	Total
Type of Loans:											
Commercial loans	\$ 2,834	\$	319	\$	0	\$	32,306	\$	35,459	\$ 1,496,134	\$ 1,531,593
Real estate construction loans	31,582		1,439		0	\$	56,538		89,559	252,894	342,453
Commercial mortgage loans	20,717		5,029		8		169,993		195,747	3,698,157	3,893,904
Residential mortgage loans	7,328		460		0		15,653		23,441	1,084,236	1,107,677
Installment and other loans	150		0		0		0		150	18,534	18,684
Total loans	\$ 62,611	\$	7,247	\$	8	\$	274,490	\$	344,356	\$ 6,549,955	\$ 6,894,311

				As of Decembe	r 31, 2010		
			Greater				
			than 90				
	30-59 Days	60-89 Days	Days Past	Non-accrual		Loans Not	
	Past Due	Past Due	Due	Loans	Total Past Due	Past Due	Total
				(In thousa	inds)		
Type of Loans:							
Commercial loans	\$ 7,037	\$ 2,990	\$ 0	\$ 31,498	\$ 41,525	\$ 1,399,642	\$ 1,441,167
Real estate construction loans	14,634	15,425	4,175	53,937	88,171	321,815	409,986

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Commercial mortgage loans	12,569	9,430	831	144,596	167,426	3,772,635	3,940,061
Residential mortgage loans	9,934	2,581	0	12,288	24,803	1,036,527	1,061,330
Installment and other loans	0	0	0	0	0	16,077	16,077
Total loans	\$ 44,174	\$ 30,426	\$ 5,006	\$ 242,319	\$ 321,925	\$ 6,546,696	\$ 6,868,621

A troubled debt restructuring ( TDR ) is a formal modification of the terms of a loan when the lender, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower s financial difficulties, grants a concession to the borrower. The concessions may be granted in various forms, including reduction in the stated interest rate, reduction in the loan balance or accrued interest, or extension of the maturity date. Although these loan modifications are considered troubled debt restructurings, accruing TDR loans have, pursuant to the Bank s policy, performed under the restructured terms and have demonstrated sustained performance under the modified terms for six months before being returned to accrual status. The

sustained performance considered by management pursuant to its policy includes the periods prior to the modification if the prior performance met or exceeded the modified terms. This would include cash paid by the borrower prior to the restructure to set up interest reserves. A summary of TDRs by type of concession and by type of loans is shown below:

Accruing TDRs	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	As of March 31, 2 Rate Reduction and Forgiveness of Principal (In thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral	Total
Commercial loans	\$ 14,366	\$ 1,780	\$ 0	\$ 1,102	\$ 17,248
Real estate construction loans	752	17,375	0	5,776	23,903
Commercial mortgage loans	5,047	70,038	2,462	15,052	92,599
Residential mortgage loans	0	597	0	980	1,577
Total accruing TDRs	\$ 20,165	\$ 89,790	\$ 2,462	\$ 22,910	\$ 135,327

	As of March 31, 2011										
Non-accrual TDRs	Interest Deferral		Principal Deferral		Re	Rate eduction n thousands)	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral			Total	
Commercial loans	\$	0	\$	42	\$	2,208	\$	2,111	\$	4,361	
Real estate construction loans		0		7,044		0		0		7,044	
Commercial mortgage loans		1,239		23,083		0		2,440		26,762	
Residential mortgage loans		334		3,691		0		938		4,963	
Total non-accrual TDRs	\$	1,573	\$	33,860	\$	2,208	\$	5,489	\$	43,130	

		As of December 31, 2010									
Accruing TDRs	Principal Deferral	Rate Reduction	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral	Total							
Commercial loans	\$ 1,131	\$ 1,780	\$ 0	\$ 1,114	\$ 4,025						
Real estate construction loans	752	17,226	0	5,776	23,754						
Commercial mortgage loans	16,586	70,185	3,459	15,055	105,285						
Residential mortgage loans	2,658	599	0	479	3,736						
Total accruing TDRs	\$ 21,127	\$ 89,790	\$ 3,459	\$ 22,424	\$ 136,800						

	As of December 31, 2010												
Non-accrual TDRs	Inter Defe	Principal Deferral		Re	Rate duction n thousands	Rate Reduction and Payment Deferral			Total				
Commercial loans	\$	0	\$	0	\$	2,310	\$	0	\$	2,310			
Real estate construction loans		0	7.	,044		0		0		7,044			
Commercial mortgage loans	1,	239	14.	,112		0		1,113		16,464			
Residential mortgage loans		340	1.	,037		0		951		2,328			
Total non-accrual TDRs	\$ 1,	579	\$ 22	,193	\$	2,310	\$	2,064	\$	28,146			

As of March 31, 2011, there were no commitments to lend additional funds to those borrowers whose loans have been restructured, were considered impaired, or were on non-accrual status.

As part of the on-going monitoring of the credit quality of our loan portfolio, the Company utilizes a risk grading matrix to assign a risk grade to each loan. The risk rating categories can be generally described by the following grouping for non-homogeneous loans:

Pass/Watch These loans range from minimal credit risk to lower than average, but still acceptable, credit risk.

**Special Mention** Borrower is fundamentally sound and loan is currently protected but adverse trends are apparent that, if not corrected, may affect ability to repay. Primary source of loan repayment remains viable but there is increasing reliance on collateral or guarantor support.

**Substandard** These loans are inadequately protected by current sound net worth, paying capacity or pledged collateral. Well-defined weaknesses exist that could jeopardize repayment of debt. Loss may not be imminent, but if weaknesses are not corrected, there is a good possibility of some loss.

**Doubtful** The possibility of loss is extremely high, but due to identifiable and important pending events (which may strengthen the loan) a loss classification is deferred until the situation is better defined.

Loss These loans are considered uncollectible and of such little value that to continue to carry the loan as an active asset is no longer warranted.

The following table presents loan portfolio by risk rating as of March 31, 2011, and as of December 31, 2010:

		As of March 31, 2011									
	Pass/Watch	Spe	ecial Mention (	Substandard In thousands)	Doubtful	Total					
Commercial loans	\$ 1,356,227	\$	52,235	\$ 119,347	\$ 3,784	\$ 1,531,593					
Real estate construction loans	166,921		31,535	136,357	7,640	342,453					
Commercial mortgage loans	3,336,437		119,004	438,463	0	3,893,904					
Residential mortgage and equity lines	1,072,836		2,486	32,197	158	1,107,677					
Installment and other loans	18,135		549	0	0	18,684					
Total gross loans	\$ 5,950,556	\$	205,809	\$ 726,364	\$ 11,582	6,894,311					
Loans held for sale	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 2,388	\$ 0	\$ 2,388					

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		As of December 31, 2010											
	Pass/Watch	Spe	cial Mention		bstandard	Doubtful		7	Γotal				
			()	In the	ousands)								
Commercial loans	\$ 1,258,537	\$	58,189	\$	118,670	\$ 5,	771	\$ 1,	441,167				
Real estate construction loans	191,455		53,172		153,857	11,	502		409,986				
Commercial mortgage loans	3,365,040		143,974		431,047		0	3,	940,061				
Residential mortgage and equity lines	1,026,216		6,109		28,846		159	1,	061,330				
Installment and other loans	15,535		542		0		0		16,077				
Total gross loans	5,856,783	\$	261,986	\$	732,420	\$ 17,	432	6,	868,621				
Loans held for sale	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	2,873	\$	0	\$	2,873				

The allowance for loan losses and the reserve for off-balance sheet credit commitments are significant estimates that can and do change based on management s process in analyzing the loan portfolio and on management s assumptions about specific borrowers, underlying collateral, and applicable economic and environmental conditions, among other factors.

The following table presents the balance in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment and based on impairment method as of March 31, 2011, and as of December 31, 2010.

		mmercial Loans	Real Estate Construction Loans		Commercial Mortgage Loans (In tho		Residential mortgage and equity line ousands)		Consumer and Other			Total
March 31, 2011												
Loans individually evaluated for impairment												
Allowance	\$	2,953	\$	7,569	\$	3,664	\$	1,106	\$	0	\$	15,292
Balance	\$	54,790	\$	82,550	\$	257,635	\$	17,230	\$	0	\$	412,205
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment												
Allowance	\$	60,241	\$	34,985	\$	121,631	\$	8,843	\$	38	\$	225,738
Balance	\$ 1	,476,803	\$	259,903	\$ :	3,636,269	\$	1,090,447	\$	18,684	\$ 6	5,482,106
Total allowance	\$	63,194	\$	42,554	\$	125,295	\$	9,949	\$	38	\$	241,030
Total balance	\$ 1	,531,593	\$	342,453	\$ :	3,893,904	\$	1,107,677	\$	18,684	\$ 6	5,894,311
December 31, 2010												
Loans individually evaluated for impairment												
Allowance	\$	2,540	\$	7,470	\$	3,106	\$	0	\$	0	\$	13,116
Balance	\$	33,555	\$	77,691	\$	248,059	\$	7,435	\$	0	\$	366,740
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment												
Allowance	\$	61,379	\$	35,791	\$	125,241	\$	9,668	\$	36	\$	232,115
Balance	\$ 1	,407,612	\$	332,295	\$	3,692,002	\$	1,053,895	\$	16,077	\$ 6	5,501,881
Total allowance	\$	63,919	\$	43,261	\$	128,347	\$	9,668	\$	36	\$	245,231
Total balance	\$ 1	,441,167	\$	409,986	\$	3,940,061	\$	1,061,330	\$	16,077	\$ 6	5,868,621

The following table details activity in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment for the quarters ended March 31, 2011, and March 31, 2010, and for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Allocation of a portion of the allowance to one category of loans does not preclude its availability to absorb losses in other categories.

	Commercial Loans	Co	eal Estate nstruction Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans (In thou		Residential mortgage and equity line ousands)		Installment and Other Loans		Total
2010 Beginning Balance	\$ 57,815	\$	45,086	\$	100,494	\$	8,480	\$	14	\$ 211,889
Provision for possible credit losses Charge-offs Recoveries	8,698 (9,646) 578		26,976 (25,463) 148		49,815 (28,908) 232		(1,230) 0 0		29 0 2	84,288 (64,017) 960
Net Charge-offs	(9,068)		(25,315)		(28,676)		0		2	(63,057)
March 31, 2010 Ending Balance	\$ 57,445	\$	46,747	\$	121,633	\$	7,250	\$	45	\$ 233,120
Reserve to impaired loans	\$ 1,885	\$	3,649	\$	13,166	\$	323	\$	0	\$ 19,023
Reserve to non-impaired loans	\$ 55,560	\$	43,098	\$	108,467	\$	6,927	\$	45	\$ 214,097
Reserve for off-balance sheet credit commitments	\$ 1,495	\$	3,277	\$	106	\$	38	\$	2	\$ 4,918
2011 Beginning Balance	\$ 63,919	\$	43,261	\$	128,347	\$	9,668	\$	36	\$ 245,231