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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, 2015**

o **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: **001-36448**

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Connecticut	**20-8251355**
(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

220 Elm Street
New Canaan, Connecticut 06840
(203) 652-0166
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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. R Yes 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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). R Yes 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 definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer R
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 R No

As of July 31, 2015, there were 7,240,704 shares of the registrant’s common stock outstanding.

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PART 1 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Item 1. Financial Statements
Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets - (unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	$75,550	$48,559
Held to maturity investment securities, at amortized cost	11,341	11,454
Available for sale investment securities, at fair value	46,883	65,009
Loans held for sale	-	586
Loans receivable (net of allowance for loan losses of $12,230 at June 30, 2015 and $10,860 at December 31, 2014)	1,021,693	915,981
Foreclosed real estate	830	950
Accrued interest receivable	3,575	3,323
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	6,918	6,109
Premises and equipment, net	11,868	11,910
Bank-owned life insurance	23,395	23,028
Goodwill	2,589	2,589
Other intangible assets	745	848
Deferred income taxes, net	7,869	7,156
Other assets	1,418	2,029
Total assets	$1,214,674	$1,099,531
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Deposits		
Noninterest bearing deposits	$162,546	$166,030
Interest bearing deposits	789,035	669,409
Total deposits	951,581	835,439
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	124,000	129,000
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	5,424	5,882
Total liabilities	1,081,005	970,321
Commitments and Contingencies	-	-
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred stock, senior noncumulative perpetual, Series C, no par; 10,980 shares issued at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively; liquidation value of $1,000 per share	10,980	10,980
Common stock, no par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, 7,240,704 and 7,185,482 shares issued at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	108,038	107,265
Retained earnings	14,538	10,434

Accumulated other comprehensive income	113	531
Total shareholders' equity	133,669	129,210
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$1,214,674	$1,099,531

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income – (unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Interest and dividend income				
Interest and fees on loans	$11,897	$7,558	$22,653	$14,986
Interest and dividends on securities	474	437	978	848
Interest on cash and cash equivalents	17	49	29	71
Total interest income	12,388	8,044	23,660	15,905
Interest expense				
Interest expense on deposits	1,231	730	2,269	1,352
Interest on borrowings	416	166	757	259
Total interest expense	1,647	896	3,026	1,611
Net interest income	10,741	7,148	20,634	14,294
Provision for loan losses	654	70	1,387	282
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	10,087	7,078	19,247	14,012
Noninterest income				
Gains and fees from sales of loans	349	213	438	642
Service charges and fees	233	143	441	267
Bank owned life insurance	185	86	368	171
Gain on sale of foreclosed real estate, net	-	-	18	-
Other	87	240	187	372
Total noninterest income	854	682	1,452	1,452
Noninterest expense				
Salaries and employee benefits	4,057	3,284	8,019	6,625
Occupancy and equipment	1,310	1,030	2,659	2,096
Data processing	405	300	741	639
Professional services	369	272	694	641
Marketing	271	218	418	328
FDIC insurance	163	107	321	225
Director fees	141	143	289	282
Amortization of intangibles	51	27	102	54
Foreclosed real estate	6	-	10	12
Merger and acquisition related expenses	-	122	-	263
Other	607	394	1,097	774
Total noninterest expense	7,380	5,897	14,350	11,939
Income before income tax expense	3,561	1,863	6,349	3,525

Income tax expense	1,275	636	2,190	1,175
Net income	$2,286	$1,227	$4,159	$2,350
Net income attributable to common shareholders	$2,259	$1,200	$4,104	$2,295
Earnings Per Common Share:				
Basic	$0.31	$0.23	$0.57	$0.51
Diluted	$0.31	$0.23	$0.57	$0.51
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding:				
Basic	7,042,290	5,022,836	7,035,432	4,395,914
Diluted	7,056,916	5,045,003	7,056,566	4,423,931

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income – (unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income	$2,286	$1,227	$4,159	$2,350
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Unrealized (losses) gains on securities:				
Unrealized holding (losses) gains on available for sale securities	(778)	188	(452)	433
Reclassification adjustment for (gain) loss realized in net income	-	-	-	-
Net change in unrealized (loss) gain	(778)	188	(452)	433
Income tax benefit (expense)	303	(73)	176	(168)
Unrealized (losses) gains on securities, net of tax	(475)	115	(276)	265
Unrealized gains (losses) on interest rate swaps:				
Unrealized gains (losses) on interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedge	336	(195)	(232)	(108)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(131)	76	90	42
Unrealized gains (losses) on interest rate swap, net of tax	205	(119)	(142)	(66)
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	(270)	(4)	(418)	199
Comprehensive income	$2,016	$1,223	$3,741	$2,549

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity – (unaudited)
(In thousands, except share data)

	Number of Outstanding Shares	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
Balance at December 31, 2014	7,185,482	$ 10,980	$ 107,265	$ 10,434	$ 531	$ 129,210
Net income	-	-	-	4,159	-	4,159
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	-	-	-	-	(418)	(418)
Preferred stock cash dividends	-	-	-	(55)	-	(55)
Stock-based compensation expense	-	-	515	-	-	515
Forfeitures of restricted stock	(2,548)	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of restricted stock	40,000	-	-	-	-	-
Stock options exercised	17,770	-	258	-	-	258
Balance at June 30, 2015	7,240,704	$ 10,980	$ 108,038	$ 14,538	$ 113	$ 133,669

	Number of Outstanding Shares	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
Balance at December 31, 2013	3,876,393	$ 10,980	$ 52,105	$ 5,976	$ 424	$ 69,485
Net income	-	-	-	2,350	-	2,350
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	-	199	199
Preferred stock cash dividends	-	-	-	(55)	-	(55)
Stock-based compensation expense	-	-	280	-	-	280
Forfeitures of restricted stock	(5,916)	-	-	-	-	-
Stock options exercised	20,305	-	207	-	-	207
Issuance of 2,702,703 shares, net of expenses	2,702,703	-	44,704	-	-	44,704
Balance at June 30, 2014	6,593,485	$ 10,980	$ 97,296	$ 8,271	$ 623	$ 117,170

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash flows – (unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015		2014	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net income	$	4,159	$	2,350
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Net amortization of premiums and discounts on investment securities		66		46
Provision for loan losses		1,387		282
(Provision) benefit for deferred taxes		(536)		116
Depreciation and amortization		833		497
Increase in cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance		(367)		(171)
Loan principal sold		(7,174)		(20,266)
Proceeds from sales of loans		8,198		18,878
Net gain on sales of loans		(438)		(642)
Equity-based compensation		515		280
Net accretion of purchase accounting adjustments		(77)		(296)
Gain on sale of foreclosed real estate		(18)		-
Net change in:				
Deferred loan fees		347		332
Accrued interest receivable		(251)		(104)
Other assets		673		(614)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		(458)		315

Net cash provided by operating activities	6,859	1,003
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from principal repayments on available for sale securities	583	202
Proceeds from principal repayments on held to maturity securities	108	70
Net proceeds from sales and calls of available for sale securities	17,030	400
Purchases of available for sale securities	-	(18,200)
Net increase in loans	(107,551)	(49,940)
Purchases of premises and equipment	(791)	(1,515)
Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(809)	-
Proceeds from sale of foreclosed real estate	138	-
Net cash used by investing activities	(91,292)	(68,983)

Consolidated Statements of Cash flows - *(continued)*
(In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net change in time certificates of deposit	$39,449	$63,018
Net change in other deposits	76,772	5,628
Net change in FHLB advances	(5,000)	3,000
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	-	44,704
Proceeds from exercise of options	258	207
Dividends paid on preferred stock	(55)	(55)
Net cash provided by financing activities	111,424	116,502
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	26,991	48,522
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year	48,559	82,013
End of period	$75,550	$130,535
Supplemental disclosures of cash flows information:		
Cash paid for:		
Interest	$2,878	$1,720
Income taxes	$2,491	$630

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (Unaudited)

1. Nature of operations and summary of significant accounting policies

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company" or "Bankwell") is a bank holding company headquartered in New Canaan, Connecticut. The Company offers a broad range of financial services through its banking subsidiary, Bankwell Bank, (the "Bank"). The Bank was originally chartered as two separate banks, The Bank of New Canaan ("BNC") and The Bank of Fairfield ("TBF"). In September 2013, BNC and TBF were merged and rebranded as "Bankwell Bank." In November 2013, the Bank acquired The Wilton Bank ("Wilton"), which added one branch and approximately $25.1 million in loans and $64.2 million in deposits. In October 2014, the Bank acquired Quinnipiac Bank and Trust Company ("Quinnipiac") which added two branches and approximately $97.8 million in loans and $100.6 million in deposits.

The Bank is a Connecticut state chartered commercial bank, founded in 2002, whose deposits are insured under the Deposit Insurance Fund administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). The Bank provides a full range of banking services to commercial and consumer customers, primarily concentrated in the Fairfield County and New Haven County regions of Connecticut, with branch locations in New Canaan, Stamford, Fairfield, Wilton, Norwalk, Hamden and North Haven, Connecticut.

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated interim financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the Bank. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of estimates

The accounting and reporting policies of the Company conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and general practices within the banking industry. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the balance sheet and revenue and expenses for the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the fair value of acquired assets, the allowance for loan losses, stock-based compensation and derivative instrument valuation.

Basis of consolidated financial statement presentation

The unaudited consolidated financial statements presented herein have been prepared pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and Rule 10-1 of Regulation S-X and do not include all of the information and note disclosures required by GAAP. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) and disclosures considered necessary for the fair presentation of the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been included. Interim results are not necessarily reflective of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2015. The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Significant concentrations of credit risk

Most of the Company's activities are with customers located within Fairfield County and the surrounding region of Connecticut, and declines in property values in these areas could significantly impact the Company. The Company has significant concentrations in commercial real estate loans. Management does not believe they present any special risk. The Company does not have any significant concentrations in any one industry or customer.

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Reclassification

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2015 financial statement presentation. These reclassifications only changed the reporting categories and did not affect the results of operations or consolidated financial position.

Recent accounting pronouncements

The following section includes changes in accounting principles and potential effects of new accounting guidance and pronouncements.

ASU No. 2014-01 - Investments - Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323) – "Accounting for Investments in Qualified Affordable Housing Projects (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)". The ASU permits an entity to make an accounting policy election to account for its investment in qualified affordable housing projects using the proportional amortization method if certain conditions are met. Under the proportionate amortization method, an entity amortizes the initial cost of the investment in proportion to the tax credits and other tax benefits received and recognizes the net investment performance in the income statement as a component of income tax expense (benefit). The decision to apply the proportionate amortization method of accounting should be applied consistently to all qualifying affordable housing project investments. A reporting entity that uses the effective yield or other method to account for its investments in qualified affordable housing projects before the date of adoption may continue to apply such method to those preexisting investments. The amendments were effective for the Company on January 1, 2015. This ASU did not impact the Company's financial statements and the Company does not expect the application of this guidance will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements in the future.

ASU No. 2014-04, Receivables - Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40) – "Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)". The ASU clarifies that an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, and a creditor is considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan, upon either (i) the creditor obtaining legal title to the residential real estate property upon completion of a foreclosure or (ii) the borrower conveying all interest in the residential real estate property to the creditor to satisfy that loan through completion of a deed in lieu of foreclosure or through a similar agreement. In addition, the amendments require disclosure of both the amount of foreclosed residential real estate property held by

the creditor and the recorded investment in consumer mortgage loans collateralized by residential real estate property that are in the process of foreclosure in accordance with local requirements of the applicable jurisdiction. An entity can elect to adopt the amendments using either a modified retrospective method or a prospective transition method. The amendments were effective for the Company on January 1, 2015. This ASU did not impact the Company's financial statements and the Company does not expect the application of this guidance will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements in the future.

ASU No. 2014-09 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The ASU establishes a single comprehensive model for an entity to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled, and will supersede nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance, to clarify and converge revenue recognition principles under US GAAP and IFRS. The update outlines five steps to recognizing revenue: (i) identify the contracts with the customer; (ii) identify the separate performance obligations in the contract; (iii) determine the transaction price; (iv) allocate the transaction price to the separate performance obligations; (v) recognize revenue when each performance obligation is satisfied. The update requires more comprehensive disclosures, relating to quantitative and qualitative information for amounts, timing, the nature and uncertainty of revenue, and cash flows arising from contracts with customers, which will mainly impact construction and high-tech industries. The most significant potential impact to banking entities relates to less prescriptive derecognition requirements on the sale of OREO property. The amendments are effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. An entity may elect either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective application. The Company does not expect the application of this guidance to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

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ASU No. 2014-12, Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 718) - "Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)". The ASU provides explicit guidance to account for a performance target that could be achieved after the requisite service period as a performance condition. For awards within the scope of this Update, the Task Force decided that an entity should apply existing guidance in Topic 718 as it relates to share-based payments with performance conditions that affect vesting. Consistent with that guidance, performance conditions that affect vesting should not be reflected in estimating the fair value of an award at the grant date. Compensation cost should be recognized when it is probable that the performance target will be achieved and should represent the compensation cost attributable to the period for which the requisite service has already been rendered. If the performance target becomes probable of being achieved before the end of the requisite service period, the remaining unrecognized compensation cost should be recognized prospectively over the remaining requisite service period. The total amount of compensation cost recognized during and after the requisite service period should reflect the number of awards that are expected to vest and should be adjusted to reflect those awards that ultimately vest. The amendments are effective for annual and interim periods beginning after January 1, 2016. The Company does not expect the application of this guidance to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASU No. 2014-14, Receivables-Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40) – "Classification of Certain Government-Guaranteed Residential Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)". The ASU has been issued to reduce diversity in practice in the classification of foreclosed residential mortgage loans held by creditors that are fully guaranteed under certain government programs, including the Federal Housing Administration guarantees. A residential mortgage loan would be derecognized and a separate other receivable would be recognized upon foreclosure if the loan has both of the following characteristics: (i) the loan has a government guarantee that is not separable from the loan before foreclosure entitling the creditor to the full unpaid principal balance of the loan; and (ii) at the time of foreclosure, the creditor has the intent to make a claim on the guarantee and the ability to recover the full unpaid principal balance of the loan through the guarantee. Notably, upon foreclosure, the separate other receivable would be measured based on the current amount of the loan balance expected to be recovered under the guarantee. The amendments were effective for the Company on January 1, 2015. This ASU did not impact the Company's financial statements and the Company does not expect the application of this guidance will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements in the future.

ASU No. 2014-17, Business Combinations (Topic 805) – "Pushdown Accounting (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)". Current generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) offer limited guidance for determining whether and at what threshold an acquiree (acquired entity) can reflect the acquirer's accounting and reporting basis (pushdown accounting) in its separate financial statements. The objective of this ASU is to provide guidance on whether and at what threshold an acquired entity that is a business or nonprofit activity can apply pushdown accounting in its separate financial statements. The amendments in this Update provide an acquired entity with an option to apply pushdown accounting in its separate financial statements upon occurrence of an event in which an acquirer obtains control of the acquired entity. The amendments in this ASU were effective on November 18, 2014.

After the effective date, an acquired entity can make an election to apply the guidance to future change-in-control events or to its most recent change-in-control event. This ASU did not impact the Company's financial statements and the Company does not expect the application of this guidance will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements in the future.

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ASU No. 2015-01, Income Statement—Extraordinary and Unusual Items (Subtopic 225-20) – "Simplifying Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the Concept of Extraordinary Items". Under the existing guidance, an entity is required to separately disclose extraordinary items, net of tax, in the income statement after income from continuing operations if an event or transaction is of an unusual nature and occurs infrequently. Under this ASU, separate, net-of-tax presentation (and corresponding earnings per share impact) will no longer be allowed. The existing requirement to separately present items that are of an unusual nature or occur infrequently on a pre-tax basis within income from continuing operations has been retained. The new guidance also requires similar separate presentation of items that are both unusual and infrequent. The standard is effective for both public and private companies for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted, but only as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. Upon adoption, a reporting entity may elect prospective or retrospective application. If adopted prospectively, both the nature and amount of any subsequent adjustments to previously reported extraordinary items must be disclosed. The Company does not expect the application of this guidance will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASU No. 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. This ASU is intended to improve targeted areas of consolidation guidance for legal entities such as limited partnerships, limited liability corporations, and securitization structures (collateralized debt obligations, collateralized loan obligations, and mortgage-backed security transactions). The ASU focuses on the consolidation evaluation for reporting organizations that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. In addition to reducing the number of consolidation models from four to two, the new standard simplifies the FASB Account Standards Codification (ASC) and improves current GAAP by: 1) placing more emphasis on risk of loss when determining a controlling financial interest. A reporting organization may no longer have to consolidate a legal entity in certain circumstances based solely on its fee arrangement, when certain criteria are met; 2) reducing the frequency of the application of related-party guidance when determining a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity (VIE); and 3) changing consolidation conclusions for public and private companies in several industries that typically make use of limited partnerships or VIEs. The amendments are effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015. An entity can elect to adopt the amendments using either a full retrospective method or a modified retrospective method. The Company does not expect the application of this guidance to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASU No. 2015-03, Interest – Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-20): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The amendments in this ASU require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in this ASU. The amendments are effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The amendments should be applied on a retrospective basis and the necessary disclosures for a change in an accounting principle should be made. The Company does not expect the application of this guidance to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

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2. investment securities

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and fair values of available for sale and held to maturity securities at June 30, 2015 were as follows:

	June 30, 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Losses	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Available for sale securities:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations				
Due in less than one year	$499	$4	$-	$503
Due from one through five years	4,099	-	(41)	4,058
Due from five through ten years	2,828	11	(27)	2,812
Due after ten years	799	1	(27)	773
	8,225	16	(95)	8,146
State agency and municipal obligations				
Due from one through five years	522	40	-	562
Due from five through ten years	8,279	149	(269)	8,159
Due after ten years	8,989	438	(54)	9,373
	17,790	627	(323)	18,094
Corporate bonds				
Due in less than one year	3,991	11	(2)	4,000
Due from one through five years	6,093	226	-	6,319
Due from five through ten years	5,208	18	-	5,226
	15,292	255	(2)	15,545
Government-sponsored mortgage backed securities				
Due from one through five years	83	-	-	83
Due after ten years	4,890	135	(10)	5,015
	4,973	135	(10)	5,098
Total available for sale securities	$46,280	$1,033	$(430)	$46,883
Held to maturity securities:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations				

Due in less than one year	$1,005	$1	$-	$1,006
State agency and municipal obligations				
Due after ten years	9,101	-	-	9,101
Corporate bonds				
Due from five through ten years	1,000	-	(35)	965
Government-sponsored mortgage backed securities				
Due after ten years	235	30	-	265
Total held to maturity securities	$11,341	$31	$(35)	$11,337

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The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and fair values of available for sale and held to maturity securities at December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	December 31, 2014			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Losses	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Available for sale securities:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations				
Due in less than one year	$497	$9	$-	$506
Due from one through five years	3,998	-	(69)	3,929
Due from five through ten years	17,055	27	(79)	17,003
Due after ten years	3,004	4	(28)	2,980
	24,554	40	(176)	24,418
State agency and municipal obligations				
Due from five through ten years	9,297	295	(48)	9,544
Due after ten years	8,500	544	(4)	9,040
	17,797	839	(52)	18,584
Corporate bonds				
Due in less than one year	5,764	44	(6)	5,802
Due from one through five years	4,150	268	-	4,418
Due from five through ten years	6,121	8	(24)	6,105
	16,035	320	(30)	16,325
Government-sponsored mortgage backed securities				
Due from one through five years	99	1	-	100
Due after ten years	5,468	131	(17)	5,582
	5,567	132	(17)	5,682
Total available for sale securities	$63,953	$1,331	$(275)	$65,009
Held to maturity securities:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations				
Due in less than one year	$1,010	$-	$-	$1,010
State agency and municipal obligations				
Due after ten years	9,179	-	-	9,179

Corporate bonds				
Due from five through ten years	1,000	-	(15)	985
Government-sponsored mortgage backed securities				
Due after ten years	265	31	-	296
Total held to maturity securities	$11,454	$31	$(15)	$11,470

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There were no sales of, or realized gains or losses on investment securities during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

At both June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, securities with approximate fair values of $5.9 million were pledged as collateral for public deposits.

The following table provides information regarding investment securities with unrealized losses, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities had been in a continuous unrealized loss position at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Length of Time in Continuous Unrealized Loss Position					
	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
	(In thousands)					
June 30, 2015						
U.S. Government and agency obligations	$5,186	$ (59)	$1,964	$ (36)	$7,150	$ (95)
State agency and municipal obligations	4,934	(323)	-	-	4,934	(323)
Corporate bonds	1,000	(35)	998	(2)	1,998	(37)
Government-sponsored mortgage backed securities	1,100	(10)	-	-	1,100	(10)
Total investment securities	$12,220	$ (427)	$2,962	$ (38)	$15,182	$ (465)
December 31, 2014						
U.S. Government and agency obligations	$4,515	$ (56)	$5,878	$ (120)	$10,393	$ (176)
State agency and municipal obligations	1,771	(52)	-	-	1,771	(52)
Corporate bonds	6,783	(40)	995	(5)	7,778	(45)
Government-sponsored mortgage backed securities	1,406	(17)	-	-	1,406	(17)
Total investment securities	$14,475	$ (165)	$6,873	$ (125)	$21,348	$ (290)

There were 40 and 42 investment securities as of June 30, 2015 and December 31 2014, respectively, in which the fair value of the security was less than the amortized cost of the security.

The U.S. Government and agency obligations owned are either direct obligations of the U.S. Government or are issued by one of the shareholder-owned corporations chartered by the U.S. Government and therefore the contractual cash flows are guaranteed and as a result the unrealized losses in this portfolio are not considered other than temporarily impaired.

The Company continually monitors its municipal bond and corporate bond portfolios and at this time these portfolios have minimal default risk because corporate and municipal bonds are all rated above investment grade except for one municipal bond with a face value of $1.0 million that is rated two notches below investment grade. The Company has determined that all unrealized losses on all securities that are investment grade are not other than temporarily impaired. The Company has determined that the unrealized loss on the municipal bond that is below investment grade is not other than temporarily impaired due to the short duration of loss and the small amount of the unrealized loss in relation to the cost basis.

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Government-sponsored mortgage backed securities are fully guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and as a result the unrealized losses in this portfolio are not considered other than temporarily impaired.

3. loans receivable and allowance for loan losses

Loans acquired in connection with the Wilton acquisition in November 2013 and the Quinnipiac acquisition in October 2014 are referred to as "acquired" loans as a result of the manner in which they are accounted for. All other loans are referred to as "originated" loans. Accordingly, selected credit quality disclosures that follow are presented separately for the originated loan portfolio and the acquired loan portfolio.

The following table sets forth a summary of the loan portfolio at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	June 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
(In thousands)	Originated	Acquired	Total	Originated	Acquired	Total
Real estate loans:						
Residential	$172,541	$3,809	$176,350	$169,833	$5,198	$175,031
Commercial	573,995	52,947	626,942	458,506	62,675	521,181
Construction	63,431	1,120	64,551	62,258	971	63,229
Home equity	8,526	8,312	16,838	10,226	7,940	18,166
	818,493	66,188	884,681	700,823	76,784	777,607
Commercial business	121,435	28,841	150,276	120,360	28,899	149,259
Consumer	293	1,942	2,235	243	2,653	2,896
Total loans	940,221	96,971	1,037,192	821,426	108,336	929,762
Allowance for loan losses	(12,220)	(10)	(12,230)	(10,860)	-	(10,860)
Deferred loan origination fees, net	(3,284)	-	(3,284)	(2,937)	-	(2,937)
Unamortized loan premiums	15	-	15	16	-	16
Loans receivable, net	$924,732	$96,961	$1,021,693	$807,645	$108,336	$915,981

Lending activities are conducted principally in the Fairfield and New Haven county regions of Connecticut, and consist of residential and commercial real estate loans, commercial business loans and a variety of consumer loans. Loans may also be granted for the construction of residential homes and commercial properties. All residential and commercial mortgage loans are collateralized by first or second mortgages on real estate.

Certain acquired loans were determined to have evidence of credit deterioration at the acquisition date. Such loans are accounted for in accordance with ASC 310-30.

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The following tables summarize activity in the accretable yields for the acquired loan portfolio that falls under the purview of ASC 310-30:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Balance at beginning of period	$1,225	$1,228
Acquisition	-	-
Accretion	(21)	(117)
Other (a)	(70)	(294)
Balance at end of period	$1,134	$817

a) Represents changes in cash flows expected to be collected due to loan sales or payoffs.

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Balance at beginning of period	$1,382	$1,418
Acquisition	-	-
Accretion	(116)	(257)
Other (a)	(132)	(344)
Balance at end of period	$1,134	$817

a) Represents changes in cash flows expected to be collected due to loan sales or payoffs.

Risk management

The Company has established credit policies applicable to each type of lending activity in which it engages. The Company evaluates the creditworthiness of each customer and, in most cases, extends credit of up to 80% of the market value of the collateral, depending on the borrowers' creditworthiness and the type of collateral. The market value of collateral is monitored on an ongoing basis and additional collateral is obtained when warranted. Real estate is the primary form of collateral. Other important forms of collateral are business assets, time deposits and marketable

securities. While collateral provides assurance as a secondary source of repayment, the Company ordinarily requires the primary source of repayment to be based on the borrower's ability to generate continuing cash flows. The Company's policy for residential lending allows that, generally, the amount of the loan may not exceed 80% of the original appraised value of the property. In certain situations, the amount may be up to 90-95% LTV either with private mortgage insurance being required for that portion of the residential loan in excess of 80% of the appraised value of the property or where secondary financing is provided by a housing authority program second mortgage, a community's low/moderate income housing program, a religious or civic organization. Private mortgage insurance is required for that portion of the residential first mortgage loan in excess of 80% of the appraised value of the property.

Credit quality of loans and the allowance for loan losses

Management segregates the loan portfolio into portfolio segments which is defined as the level at which the Company develops and documents a systematic method for determining its allowance for loan losses. The portfolio segments are segregated based on loan types and the underlying risk factors present in each loan type. Such risk factors are periodically reviewed by management and revised as deemed appropriate.

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The Company's loan portfolio is segregated into the following portfolio segments:

Residential Real Estate: This portfolio segment consists of the origination of first mortgage loans secured by one-to four-family owner occupied residential properties and residential construction loans to individuals to finance the construction of residential dwellings for personal use located in our market area.

Commercial Real Estate: This portfolio segment includes loans secured by commercial real estate, non-owner occupied one-to four-family and multi-family dwellings for property owners and businesses in our market area. Loans secured by commercial real estate generally have larger loan balances and more credit risk than owner occupied one-to four-family mortgage loans.

Construction: This portfolio segment includes commercial construction loans for commercial development projects, including condominiums, apartment buildings, and single family subdivisions as well as office buildings, retail and other income producing properties and land loans, which are loans made with land as security. Construction and land development financing generally involves greater credit risk than long-term financing on improved, owner-occupied real estate. Risk of loss on a construction loan depends largely upon the accuracy of the initial estimate of the value of the property at completion of construction compared to the estimated cost (including interest) of construction and other assumptions. If the estimate of construction cost proves to be inaccurate, the Company may be required to advance additional funds beyond the amount originally committed in order to protect the value of the property. Moreover, if the estimated value of the completed project proves to be inaccurate, the borrower may hold a property with a value that is insufficient to assure full repayment. Construction loans also expose the Company to the risks that improvements will not be completed on time in accordance with specifications and projected costs and that repayment will depend on the successful operation or sale of the properties, which may cause some borrowers to be unable to continue with debt service which exposes the Company to greater risk of non-payment and loss.

Home Equity: This portfolio segment primarily includes home equity loans and home equity lines of credit secured by owner occupied one-to four-family residential properties. Loans of this type are written at a maximum of 80% of the appraised value of the property and the Company requires a first or second lien position on the property. These loans can be affected by economic conditions and the values of the underlying properties.

Commercial Business: This portfolio segment includes commercial business loans secured by assignments of corporate assets and personal guarantees of the business owners. Commercial business loans generally have higher

interest rates and shorter terms than other loans, but they also may involve higher average balances, increased difficulty of loan monitoring and a higher risk of default since their repayment generally depends on the successful operation of the borrower's business.

Consumer: This portfolio segment includes loans secured by savings or certificate accounts, or automobiles, as well as unsecured personal loans and overdraft lines of credit. This type of loan entails greater risk than residential mortgage loans, particularly in the case of loans that are unsecured or secured by assets that depreciate rapidly.

An unallocated component is maintained, when needed, to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating allocated and general reserves in the portfolio. The unallocated allowance is used to provide for an unidentified loss that may exist in emerging problem loans that cannot be fully quantified or may be affected by conditions not fully understood as of the balance sheet date.

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Allowance for loan losses

The following tables set forth the activity in the Company's allowance for loan losses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, by portfolio segment:

	Residential Real Estate	Commercial Real Estate	Construction	Home Equity	Commercial Business	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
	(In thousands)							
Three Months Ended June 30, 2015								
Originated								
Beginning balance	$1,406	$ 6,067	$ 1,220	$ 203	$ 2,682	$ 3	$ -	$11,581
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	48	765	(82)	(34)	(64)	6	-	639
Ending balance	$1,454	$ 6,832	$ 1,138	$ 169	$ 2,618	$ 9	$ -	$12,220
Acquired								
Beginning balance	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 12	$ 3	$ -	$15
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	(15)	(6)	-	(21)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Provisions	-	-	-	-	13	2	-	15
Ending balance	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10	$ -	$ -	$10
Total								
Beginning balance	$1,406	$ 6,067	$ 1,220	$ 203	$ 2,694	$ 6	$ -	$11,596
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	(15)	(6)	-	(21)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Provisions	48	765	(82)	(34)	(51)	8	-	654
Ending balance	$1,454	$ 6,832	$ 1,138	$ 169	$ 2,628	$ 9	$ -	$12,230

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	Residential Real Estate	Commercial Real Estate	Construction	Home Equity	Commercial Business	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
	(In thousands)							
Three Months Ended June 30, 2014								
Originated								
Beginning balance	$1,298	$ 3,767	$ 1,012	$ 192	$ 2,331	$ 3	$ -	$8,603
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	(1)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	413	-	413
Provisions	94	257	(236)	(4)	(40)	(409)	307	(31)
Ending balance	$1,392	$ 4,024	$ 776	$ 188	$ 2,291	$ 6	$ 307	$8,984
Acquired								
Beginning balance	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$-
Charge-offs	-	-	(100)	-	-	-	-	(100)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	100	-	1	-	-	101
Ending balance	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1	$ -	$ -	$1
Total								
Beginning balance	$1,298	$ 3,767	$ 1,012	$ 192	$ 2,331	$ 3	$ -	$8,603
Charge-offs	-	-	(100)	-	-	(1)	-	(101)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	413	-	413
Provisions	94	257	(136)	(4)	(39)	(409)	307	70
Ending balance	$1,392	$ 4,024	$ 776	$ 188	$ 2,292	$ 6	$ 307	$8,985

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	Residential Real Estate	Commercial Real Estate	Construction	Home Equity	Commercial Business	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
	(In thousands)							
Six Months Ended June 30, 2015								
Originated								
Beginning balance	$1,431	$ 5,480	$ 1,102	$ 205	$ 2,638	$ 4	$ -	$10,860
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	23	1,352	36	(36)	(20)	5	-	1,360
Ending balance	$1,454	$ 6,832	$ 1,138	$ 169	$ 2,618	$ 9	$ -	$12,220
Acquired								
Beginning balance	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$-
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	(15)	(6)	-	(21)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Provisions	-	-	-	-	25	2	-	27
Ending balance	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10	$ -	$ -	$10
Total								
Beginning balance	$1,431	$ 5,480	$ 1,102	$ 205	$ 2,638	$ 4	$ -	$10,860
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	(15)	(6)	-	(21)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Provisions	23	1,352	36	(36)	5	7	-	1,387
Ending balance	$1,454	$ 6,832	$ 1,138	$ 169	$ 2,628	$ 9	$ -	$12,230

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	Residential Real Estate	Commercial Real Estate	Construction	Home Equity	Commercial Business	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
	(In thousands)							
Six Months Ended June 30, 2014								
Originated								
Beginning balance	$1,310	$ 3,616	$ 1,032	$ 190	$ 2,225	$ 9	$ -	$8,382
Charge-offs	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	(1)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	422	-	422
Provisions	82	408	(256)	(2)	66	(424)	307	181
Ending balance	$1,392	$ 4,024	$ 776	$ 188	$ 2,291	$ 6	$ 307	$8,984
Acquired								
Beginning balance	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$-
Charge-offs	-	-	(100)	-	-	-	-	(100)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	100	-	1	-	-	101
Ending balance	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1	$ -	$ -	$1
Total								
Beginning balance	$1,310	$ 3,616	$ 1,032	$ 190	$ 2,225	$ 9	$ -	$8,382
Charge-offs	-	-	(100)	-	-	(1)	-	(101)
Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	422	-	422
Provisions	82	408	(156)	(2)	67	(424)	307	282
Ending balance	$1,392	$ 4,024	$ 776	$ 188	$ 2,292	$ 6	$ 307	$8,985

With respect to the originated portfolio, the allocation to each portfolio segment is not necessarily indicative of future losses in any particular portfolio segment and does not restrict the use of the allowance to absorb losses in other portfolio segments.

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The following tables are a summary, by portfolio segment and impairment methodology, of the allowance for loan losses and related portfolio balances at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Originated Loans		Acquired Loans		Total	
	Portfolio	Allowance	Portfolio	Allowance	Portfolio	Allowance
	(In thousands)					
June 30, 2015						
Loans individually evaluated for impairment:						
Residential real estate	$864	$2	$-	$ -	$864	$2
Commercial real estate	4,753	22	498	-	5,251	22
Home equity	86	-	240	-	326	-
Commercial business	1,637	8	826	5	2,463	13
Consumer	-	-	6	-	6	-
Subtotal	7,340	32	1,570	5	8,910	37
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment:						
Residential real estate	171,677	1,452	3,809	-	175,486	1,452
Commercial real estate	569,242	6,810	52,449	-	621,691	6,810
Construction	63,431	1,138	1,120	-	64,551	1,138
Home equity	8,440	169	8,072	-	16,512	169
Commercial business	119,798	2,610	28,015	5	147,813	2,615
Consumer	293	9	1,936	-	2,229	9
Subtotal	932,881	12,188	95,401	5	1,028,282	12,193
Total	$940,221	$12,220	$96,971	$ 10	$1,037,192	$12,230

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	Originated Loans		Acquired Loans		Total	
	Portfolio	Allowance	Portfolio	Allowance	Portfolio	Allowance
	(In thousands)					
December 31, 2014						
Loans individually evaluated for impairment:						
Residential real estate	$864	$ -	$-	$ -	$864	$ -
Commercial real estate	4,996	23	-	-	4,996	23
Home equity	91	-	-	-	91	-
Commercial business	1,701	10	629	-	2,330	10
Subtotal	7,652	33	629	-	8,281	33
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment:						
Residential real estate	168,969	1,431	5,198	-	174,167	1,431
Commercial real estate	453,510	5,457	62,675	-	516,185	5,457
Construction	62,258	1,102	971	-	63,229	1,102
Home equity	10,135	205	7,940	-	18,075	205
Commercial business	118,659	2,628	28,270	-	146,929	2,628
Consumer	243	4	2,653	-	2,896	4
Subtotal	813,774	10,827	107,707	-	921,481	10,827
Total	$821,426	$ 10,860	$108,336	$ -	$929,762	$ 10,860

Credit quality indicators

The Company’s policies provide for the classification of loans into the following categories: pass, special mention, substandard, doubtful and loss. Consistent with regulatory guidelines, loans that are considered to be of lesser quality are classified as substandard, doubtful, or loss assets. A loan is considered substandard if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Substandard loans include those loans characterized by the distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Loans classified as doubtful have all of the weaknesses inherent in those classified substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable. Loans classified as loss are those considered uncollectible and of such little value that their continuance as loans is not warranted. Loans that do not expose the Company to risk sufficient to warrant classification in one of the aforementioned categories, but which possess potential weaknesses that deserve close attention, are designated as special mention.

Loans that are considered to be impaired are analyzed to determine whether a loss is possible and if so, a calculation is performed to determine the possible loss amount. If it is determined that the loss amount is $0, no reserve is held against the asset. If a loss is calculated, then a specific reserve for that asset is determined.

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The following tables are a summary of the loan portfolio quality indicators by portfolio segment at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Commercial Credit Quality Indicators					
	At June 30, 2015			At December 31, 2014		
	Commercial Real Estate	Construction	Commercial Business	Commercial Real Estate	Construction	Commercial Business
	(In thousands)					
Originated loans:						
Pass	$568,712	$ 63,431	$ 117,879	$452,974	$ 62,258	$ 115,323
Special mention	2,063	-	2,952	2,096	-	5,037
Substandard	3,220	-	604	3,436	-	-
Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total originated loans	573,995	63,431	121,435	458,506	62,258	120,360
Acquired loans:						
Pass	51,097	235	27,152	61,017	136	27,074
Special mention	-	-	1,002	-	-	659
Substandard	1,850	885	687	1,658	835	1,166
Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total acquired loans	52,947	1,120	28,841	62,675	971	28,899
Total	$626,942	$ 64,551	$ 150,276	$521,181	$ 63,229	$ 149,259

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	Residential and Consumer Credit Quality Indicators					
	At June 30, 2015			At December 31, 2014		
	Residential Real Estate	Home Equity	Consumer	Residential Real Estate	Home Equity	Consumer
	(In thousands)					
Originated loans:						
Pass	$171,677	$8,440	$ 293	$168,969	$10,135	$ 243
Special mention	864	86	-	864	91	-
Substandard	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total originated loans	172,541	8,526	293	169,833	10,226	243
Acquired loans:						
Pass	3,698	8,056	1,936	5,022	7,925	2,653
Special mention	111	-	-	-	-	-
Substandard	-	256	6	176	15	-
Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total acquired loans	3,809	8,312	1,942	5,198	7,940	2,653
Total	$176,350	$16,838	$ 2,235	$175,031	$18,166	$ 2,896

Loan portfolio aging analysis

When a loan is 15 days past due, the Company sends the borrower a late notice. The Company also contacts the borrower by phone if the delinquency is not corrected promptly after the notice has been sent. When the loan is 30 days past due, the Company mails the borrower a letter reminding the borrower of the delinquency, and attempts to contact the borrower personally to determine the reason for the delinquency and ensure the borrower understands the terms of the loan. If necessary, subsequent delinquency notices are issued and the account will be monitored on a regular basis thereafter. By the 90th day of delinquency, the Company will send the borrower a final demand for payment and may recommend foreclosure. A summary report of all loans 30 days or more past due is provided to the board of directors of the Company each month. Loans greater than 90 days past due are generally put on nonaccrual status. A nonaccrual loan is restored to accrual status when it is no longer delinquent and collectability of interest and principal is no longer in doubt. A loan is considered to be no longer delinquent when timely payments are made for a period of at least six months (one year for loans providing for quarterly or semi-annual payments) by the borrower in accordance with the contractual terms.

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The following tables set forth certain information with respect to our loan portfolio delinquencies by portfolio segment and amount as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	As of June 30, 2015					
	31-60 Days Past Due	61-90 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days	Total Past Due	Current	Carrying Amount > 90 Days and Accruing
	(In thousands)					
Originated Loans						
Real estate loans:						
Residential real estate	$-	$-	$-	$-	$172,541	$ -
Commercial real estate	-	1,571	969	2,540	571,455	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	63,431	-
Home equity	357	-	-	357	8,169	-
Commercial business	969	-	231	1,200	120,235	-
Consumer	1	-	-	1	292	-
Total originated loans	1,327	1,571	1,200	4,098	936,123	-
Acquired Loans						
Real estate loans:						
Residential real estate	-	-	111	111	3,698	-
Commercial real estate	519	-	1,484	2,003	50,944	594
Construction	-	-	885	885	235	885
Home equity	79	-	171	250	8,062	-
Commercial business	-	1,324	152	1,476	27,365	-
Consumer	3	-	-	3	1,939	-
Total acquired loans	601	1,324	2,803	4,728	92,243	1,479
Total loans	$1,928	$2,895	$4,003	$8,826	$1,028,366	$ 1,479

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	As of December 31, 2014					
	31-60 Days Past Due	61-90 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days	Total Past Due	Current	Carrying Amount > 90 Days and Accruing
	(In thousands)					
Originated Loans						
Real estate loans:						
Residential real estate	$-	$-	$-	$-	$169,833	$ -
Commercial real estate	-	-	3,436	3,436	455,070	216
Construction	-	-	-	-	62,258	-
Home equity	-	-	-	-	10,226	-
Commercial business	-	-	-	-	120,360	-
Consumer	-	-	-	-	243	-
Total originated loans	-	-	3,436	3,436	817,990	216
Acquired Loans						
Real estate loans:						
Residential real estate	339	-	294	633	4,565	176
Commercial real estate	685	677	836	2,198	60,477	466
Construction	-	-	835	835	136	835
Home equity	-	40	-	40	7,900	-
Commercial business	178	386	305	869	28,030	305
Consumer	3	-	-	3	2,650	-
Total acquired loans	1,205	1,103	2,270	4,578	103,758	1,782
Total loans	$1,205	$1,103	$5,706	$8,014	$921,748	$ 1,998

Loans on nonaccrual status

The following is a summary of nonaccrual loans by portfolio segment as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Commercial real estate	1,468	3,220
Home equity	240	-
Commercial business	386	142

Total	$2,094	$ 3,362

The amount of income that was contractually due but not recognized on originated nonaccrual loans totaled $37 thousand and $44 thousand, respectively for the three months ended June 30, 2015, and 2014. The amount of income that was contractually due but not recognized on originated nonaccrual loans totaled $72 thousand and $67 thousand, respectively for the six months ended June 30, 2015, and 2014. There was no actual interest income recognized on these loans for the three months ended June 30, 2015, and 2014. There was $1 thousand and no actual interest income recognized on these loans for the six months ended June 30, 2015, and 2014.

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At June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, there were $169 thousand and no commitments to lend additional funds to any borrower on nonaccrual status, respectively.

The preceding table excludes acquired loans that are accounted for as purchased credit impaired loans totaling $1.5 million and $1.9 million, respectively at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014. Such loans otherwise meet the Company's definition of a nonperforming loan but are excluded because the loans are included in loan pools that are considered performing. The discounts arising from recording these loans at fair value were due, in part, to credit quality. The acquired loans are accounted for on either a pool or individual basis and the accretable yield is being recognized as interest income over the life of the loans based on expected cash flows.

Impaired loans

An impaired loan generally is one for which it is probable, based on current information, the Company will not collect all the amounts due under the contractual terms of the loan. Loans are individually evaluated for impairment. When the Company classifies a problem loan as impaired, it provides a specific valuation allowance for that portion of the asset that is deemed uncollectible.

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The following table summarizes impaired loans by portfolio segment as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Carrying Amount		Unpaid Principal Balance		Associated Allowance	
	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)					
Originated						
Impaired loans without a valuation allowance:						
Residential real estate	$-	$ 864	$-	$ 864	$ -	$ -
Commercial real estate	4,306	4,543	4,306	4,544	-	-
Home equity	86	91	86	91	-	-
Commercial business	1,126	1,145	1,140	1,153	-	-
Total impaired loans without a valuation allowance	5,518	6,643	5,532	6,652	-	-
Impaired loans with a valuation allowance:						
Residential real estate	864	-	864	-	2	-
Commercial real estate	447	453	447	453	22	23
Commercial business	511	556	511	556	8	10
Total impaired loans with a valuation allowance	1,822	1,009	1,822	1,009	32	33
Total originated impaired loans	$7,340	$ 7,652	$7,354	$ 7,661	$ 32	$ 33
Acquired						
Impaired loans without a valuation allowance:						
Commercial real estate	$498	$ -	$534	$ -	$ -	$ -
Commercial business	436	629	436	629	-	-
Home equity	240	-	240	-	-	-
Consumer	6	-	6	-	-	-
Total impaired loans without a valuation allowance	1,180	629	1,216	629	-	-
Impaired loans with a valuation allowance:						
Commercial business	390	-	392	-	5	-
	390	-	392	-	5	-

Total impaired loans with a valuation allowance						
Total acquired impaired loans	$1,570	$ 629	$1,608	$ 629	$ 5	$ -

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The following table summarizes the average recorded investment balance of impaired loans and interest income recognized on impaired loans by portfolio segment as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Average Recorded Investment		Interest Income Recognized	
	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Originated	(In thousands)			
Impaired loans without a valuation allowance:				
Residential real estate	$—	$ 864	$—	$ 28
Commercial real estate	4,313	4,034	35	223
Home equity	88	95	1	3
Commercial business	1,136	1,226	22	52
Total impaired loans without a valuation allowance	5,537	6,219	58	306
Impaired loans with a valuation allowance:				
Residential real estate	864	—	14	—
Commercial real estate	449	457	14	29
Commercial business	532	596	14	32
Total impaired loans with a valuation allowance	1,845	1,053	42	61
Total originated impaired loans	$7,382	$ 7,272	$100	$ 367
Acquired				
Impaired loans without a valuation allowance:				
Commercial real estate	$438	$ —	$—	$ —
Commercial business	445	607	10	28
Home equity	240	—	2	—
Consumer	7	—	—	—
Total impaired loans without a valuation allowance	1,130	607	12	28
Impaired loans with a valuation allowance:				
Commercial business	410	—	8	—
Total impaired loans with a valuation allowance	410	—	8	—
Total acquired impaired loans	$1,540	$ 607	$20	$ 28

Troubled debt restructurings (TDRs)

Modifications to a loan are considered to be a troubled debt restructuring when one or both of the following conditions is met: 1) the borrower is experiencing financial difficulties and/or 2) the modification constitutes a concession that is not in line with market rates and/or terms. Modified terms are dependent upon the financial position and needs of the individual borrower. Trouble debt restructurings are classified as impaired loans.

If a performing loan is restructured into a TDR it remains in performing status. If a nonperforming loan is restructured into a TDR, it continues to be carried in nonaccrual status. Nonaccrual classification may be removed if the borrower demonstrates compliance with the modified terms for a minimum of six months.

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Troubled debt restructured loans are reported as such for at least one year from the date of restructuring.

In years after the restructuring, troubled debt restructured loans are removed from this classification if the restructuring agreement specifies a market rate of interest equal to that which would be provided to a borrower with similar credit at the time of restructuring and the loan is not deemed to be impaired based on the modified terms.

The recorded investment in TDRs was $7.4 million at June 30, 2015 and $3.6 million at December 31, 2014.

The following tables present loans whose terms were modified as TDRs during the periods presented:

	Number of Loans		Outstanding Recorded Investment			
			Pre-Modification		Post-Modification	
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Three Months Ended June 30,						
Commercial real estate	1	2	$825	$1,333	$825	$1,336
Commercial business	-	3	-	466	-	466
Total	1	5	$825	$1,799	$825	$1,802

	Number of Loans		Outstanding Recorded Investment			
			Pre-Modification		Post-Modification	
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Six Months Ended June 30,						
Commercial real estate	3	2	$4,045	$1,333	$4,045	$1,336
Commercial business	1	3	49	466	49	466
Total	4	5	$4,094	$1,799	$4,094	$1,802

All TDRs at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were performing in compliance under their modified terms.

The following table provides information on how loans were modified as a TDR during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		*(In thousands)*	
Maturity/amortization concession	$825	$631	$874	$631
Payment concession	-	1,171	-	1,171
Maturity and payment concession	-	-	3,220	-
Total	$825	$1,802	$4,094	$1,802

There were no loans modified in a troubled debt restructuring, for which there was a payment default during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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4. Shareholders' Equity

Common stock

On May 15, 2014, the Company priced 2,702,703 common shares in its initial public offering ("IPO") at $18.00 per share, and on May 15, 2014, Bankwell common shares began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The Company issued a total of 2,702,703 common shares in its IPO, which closed on May 20, 2014. The net proceeds from the IPO were approximately $44.7 million, after deducting the underwriting discount of approximately $2.5 million and approximately $1.3 million of expenses.

Between 2007 and 2013, four private placements for the sale of common stock were completed for the purpose of capitalizing the Company and allowing for continued growth. The private placement offerings were in addition to the initial and secondary offerings completed in 2002 and 2007, respectively. A total of 3,429,623 shares were issued and net proceeds of $47.8 million were received in connection with these offerings.

Preferred stock

In 2011, the Company elected to participate in the U.S. Treasury's Small Business Lending Fund Program ("SBLF"). The SBLF is a $30 billion fund established under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 to encourage lending to small businesses by providing Tier 1 capital to qualified community banks with assets of less than $10 billion. The SBLF is intended to expand the ability to lend to small businesses, in order to help stimulate the economy and promote job growth. The transaction resulted in net capital proceeds to the Company of $5.9 million, of which at least 90% was invested in the Banks as Tier 1 Capital.

The Series C Preferred stock pays noncumulative dividends. The dividend rate on the Series C Preferred Stock for the initial ten quarterly dividend periods, commencing with the period ended September 30, 2011 and ending with the period ended December 31, 2013, was determined each quarter based on the increase in the Banks' Qualified Small Business Lending over a baseline amount. The Company has paid dividends at a rate of 1.0% since issuance. For the eleventh quarterly dividend payment through four and one-half years after its issuance, the dividend rate on the Series C Preferred Stock will be fixed at the rate in effect at the end of the ninth quarterly dividend period, which is 1.0%. In

the second quarter of 2016, four and one-half years from its issuance, the dividend rate will be fixed at 9.0% per annum.

The Series C Preferred Stock has no maturity date and ranks senior to the Company's common stock with respect to the payment of dividends and distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution and winding up of the Company. The Series C Preferred Stock is non-voting, other than voting rights on matters that could adversely affect the Series C Preferred Stock, and is redeemable at any time by the Company, subject to the approval of its federal banking regulator. The redemption price is the aggregate liquidation preference of the SBLF Preferred Stock plus accrued but unpaid dividends and pro rata portion of any lending incentive fee. All redemptions must be in an amount at least equal to 25% of the number of originally issued shares of SBLF Preferred Stock, or 100% of the then-outstanding shares if less than 25% of the number of shares originally issued. In connection with the IPO, the U.S. Treasury exercised its piggyback registration rights under the SBLF and the Series C Preferred Stock held by the U.S. Treasury was registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Warrants

The initial and secondary offerings completed in 2002 and 2007 each call for the issuance of Units. Each Unit issued pursuant to these two offerings represented one share of common stock and one non-transferable Warrant. The Warrants were exercisable at any time from and including October 1, 2009 and prior to or on November 30, 2009, unless extended or accelerated by the board of directors in their discretion. The board of directors has extended the exercise period to October 1, 2015 through December 1, 2015. Each Warrant allows a holder to purchase .3221 shares of common stock at an exercise price of $14.00 per share. None of the Warrants has been exercised as of June 30, 2015. Assuming that all of the Warrants issued are exercised in full during the exercise period, the Company would receive $4.3 million in gross capital and issue 304,640 shares of common stock.

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As a result of the acquisition of Quinnipiac on October 1, 2014 the Company issued 68,600 warrants to former Quinnipiac warrant holders in accordance with the merger agreement. Each warrant was automatically converted into a warrant to purchase 0.56 shares of the Company's common stock for an exercise price of $17.56. None of the warrants have been exercised as of June 30, 2015.

Dividends

The Company's shareholders are entitled to dividends when and if declared by the board of directors, out of funds legally available. The ability of the Company to pay dividends depends, in part, on the ability of the Bank to pay dividends to the Company. In accordance with Connecticut statutes, regulatory approval is required to pay dividends in excess of the Bank's profits retained in the current year plus retained profits from the previous two years. The bank is also prohibited from paying dividends that would reduce its capital ratios below minimum regulatory requirements. The payment of dividends is subject to additional restrictions in connection with the SBLF preferred stock.

For the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company paid cash dividends on preferred stock of $55 thousand. To date, the Company has not declared or paid dividends on its common stock, nor has it repurchased any of its common stock.

5. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income represents the sum of net income and items of other comprehensive income or loss, including net unrealized gains or losses on securities available for sale and net gains or losses on derivatives accounted for as cash flow hedges. The Company's total comprehensive income or loss for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 is reported in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

The following table presents the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by component, net of tax for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

Net Unrealized Gain

	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available for Sale Securities	(Loss) on Interest Rate Swap	Total
	(In thousands)		
Balance at March 31, 2015	$843	$ (460)	$383
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(475)	205	(270)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	(475)	205	(270)
Balance at June 30, 2015	$368	$ (255)	$113

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	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available for Sale Securities	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Interest Rate Swap	Total
	(In thousands)		
Balance at March 31, 2014	$574	$ 53	$627
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	115	(119)	(4)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	115	(119)	(4)
Balance at June 30, 2014	$689	$ (66)	$623

	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available for Sale Securities	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Interest Rate Swap	Total
	(In thousands)		
Balance at December 31, 2014	$644	$ (113)	$531
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(276)	(142)	(418)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	(276)	(142)	(418)
Balance at June 30, 2015	$368	$ (255)	$113

	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available for Sale Securities	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Interest Rate Swap	Total
	(In thousands)		
Balance at December 31, 2013	$424	$ -	$424

Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	265	(66)	199
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	265	(66)	199
Balance at June 30, 2014	$689	$ (66)	$623

6. Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock (such as stock options) were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in earnings. Unvested share-based payment awards, which include the right to receive non-forfeitable dividends, are considered to participate with common stock in undistributed earnings for purposes of computing EPS.

The Company's unvested restricted stock awards are participating securities, and therefore, are included in the computation of both basic and diluted earnings per common share. EPS is calculated using the two-class method, under which calculations (1) exclude from the numerator any dividends paid or owed on participating securities and any undistributed earnings considered to be attributable to participating securities and (2) exclude from the denominator the dilutive impact of the participating securities.

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The following is a reconciliation of earnings available to common shareholders and basic weighted-average common shares outstanding to diluted weighted average common shares outstanding, reflecting the application of the two-class method:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands, except per share data)		*(In thousands, except per share data)*	
Net income	$2,286	$1,227	$4,159	$2,350
Preferred stock dividends	(27)	(27)	(55)	(55)
Dividends and undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities	(62)	(27)	(108)	(60)
Net income for earnings per share calculation	$2,197	$1,173	$3,996	$2,235
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic	7,042	5,023	7,035	4,396
Effect of dilutive equity-based awards	15	22	21	28
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	7,057	5,045	7,056	4,424
Net earnings per common share:				
Basic earnings per common share	$0.31	$0.23	$0.57	$0.51
Diluted earnings per common share	0.31	0.23	0.57	0.51

7. Regulatory Matters

The Federal Reserve, the FDIC and the other federal and state bank regulatory agencies establish regulatory capital guidelines for U.S. banking organizations.

As of January 1, 2015, the Company and the Bank became subject to new capital rules set forth by the Federal Reserve, the FDIC and the other federal and state bank regulatory agencies. The new capital rules revise the banking agencies' leverage and risk-based capital requirements and the method for calculating risk-weighted assets to make them consistent with agreements that were reached by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act (the Basel III Capital Rules).

The Basel III Capital Rules establish a new minimum common equity Tier 1 capital requirement of 4.5% of risk-weighted assets; set the minimum leverage ratio at 4% of total assets; increased the minimum Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets requirement from 4% to 6%; and retained the minimum total capital to risk-weighted assets requirement at 8.0%. A “well-capitalized” institution must generally maintain capital ratios 200 basis points higher than the minimum guidelines.

The Basel III Capital Rules also change the risk weights assigned to certain assets. The Basel III Capital Rules assigned a higher risk weight (150%) to loans that are more than 90 days past due or are on nonaccrual status and to certain commercial real estate facilities that finance the acquisition, development or construction of real property. The Basel III Capital Rules also alter the risk weighting for other assets, including marketable equity securities that are risk weighted generally at 300%. The Basel III Capital Rules require certain components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to be included for purposes of calculating regulatory capital requirements unless a one-time opt-out is exercised. The Bank did exercise its opt-out option and will exclude the unrealized gain (loss) on investment securities component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) from regulatory capital.

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The Basel III Capital Rules limit a banking organization's capital distributions and certain discretionary bonus payments to executive officers if the banking organization does not hold a "capital conservation buffer" consisting of 2.5% of common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets in addition to the amount necessary to meet its minimum risk-based capital requirements. The "capital conservation buffer" is being phased in from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2019, when the full capital conservation buffer will be effective.

Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory – and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Management believes, as of June 30, 2015, the Bank and Company meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject. There are no conditions or events since then that management believes have changed this conclusion.

The capital amounts and ratios for the Bank and the Company at June 30, 2015 were as follows:

	Actual Capital		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
(Dollars in thousands)	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Bankwell Bank						
June 30, 2015						
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	$124,277	11.44%	$47,719	4.50%	$68,928	6.50 %
Total Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	133,506	12.59%	84,834	8.00%	106,043	10.00%
Tier I Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	121,276	11.44%	63,626	6.00%	84,834	8.00 %
Tier I Capital to Average Assets	121,276	10.71%	45,314	4.00%	56,643	5.00 %
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June 30, 2015						
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	$119,688	11.22%	$48,023	4.50%	N/A	N/A
Total Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	142,898	13.39%	85,375	8.00%	N/A	N/A

Tier I Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	130,668	12.24%	64,031	6.00%	N/A	N/A
Tier I Capital to Average Assets	130,668	11.26%	46,406	4.00%	N/A	N/A

As of December 31, 2014, the Bank and Company were subject to different regulatory capital requirements administered by federal and state banking agencies. Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy required the Bank and Company to maintain minimum amounts and ratios of total and Tier I capital to risk-weighted assets and of Tier I capital to average assets, as defined by regulation.

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The capital amounts and ratios for the Bank and Company at December 31, 2014, were as follows:

	Actual Capital		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
(Dollars in thousands)	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Bankwell Bank						
December 31, 2014						
Total Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	$125,339	13.55%	$ 74,003	8.00 %	$ 92,503	10.00%
Tier I Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	115,359	12.47%	37,001	4.00 %	55,502	6.00 %
Tier I Capital to Average Assets	115,359	11.12%	41,485	4.00 %	51,856	5.00 %
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December 31, 2014						
Total Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	$135,223	14.59%	$ 74,136	8.00 %	N/A	N/A
Tier I Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets	125,243	13.51%	37,068	4.00 %	N/A	N/A
Tier I Capital to Average Assets	125,243	11.78%	42,516	4.00 %	N/A	N/A

Restrictions on dividends

The ability of the Company to pay dividends depends, in part, on the ability of the Bank to pay dividends to the Company. In accordance with Connecticut statutes, regulatory approval is required to pay dividends in excess of the Bank's profits retained in the current year plus retained profits from the previous two years. The Bank is also prohibited from paying dividends that would reduce its capital ratios below minimum regulatory requirements.

8. Stock-Based Compensation

Equity award plans

The Company has five equity award plans, which are collectively referred to as the "Plan." The current plan under which any future issuances of equity awards will be made is the 2012 BNC Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan, or the

"2012 Plan," amended on June 26, 2013. All equity awards made under the 2012 Plan are made by means of an award agreement, which contains the specific terms and conditions of the grant. To date, all equity awards have been in the form of share options or restricted stock. At June 30, 2015, there were 467,037 shares reserved for future issuance under the 2012 Plan.

Share Options: The Company accounts for stock options based on the fair value at the date of grant over the vesting period of such awards on a straight line basis. For the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company recorded expense related to options granted under the various share option plans of approximately $7 thousand and $16 thousand, respectively.

There were no options granted during the six months ended June 30, 2015.

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A summary of the status of outstanding share options as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2015 is presented below:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Options outstanding at beginning of period	204,793	$ 17.42
Exercised	(17,770)	14.50
Forfeited	(300)	15.00
Expired	(1,225)	14.50
Options outstanding at end of period	185,498	17.73
Options exercisable at end of period	180,998	17.79
Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the period		N/A

Intrinsic value is the amount by which the fair value of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price of an option on the exercise date. The total intrinsic value of share options exercised during the six months ended June 30, 2015 was $89 thousand.

Restricted Stock: Restricted stock provides grantees with rights to shares of common stock upon completion of a service period and certain performance goals. Shares of unvested restricted stock are considered participating securities. Restricted stock awards generally vest over one to five years.

The following table presents the activity for restricted stock for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested at beginning of period	165,862	$ 18.08
Granted	40,000	18.94
Vested	(4,900)	14.80
Forfeited	(2,548)	17.75
Unvested at end of period	198,414	18.34

The Company’s restricted stock expense for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was $515 thousand and $264 thousand, respectively.

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Market Conditions Restricted Stock: On December 9, 2014 the Company issued restricted stock with market and service conditions pursuant to the Company's 2012 Stock Plan. The maximum number of shares that can vest is 49,400. The actual number of shares to be vested will be based on market criteria over a five-year period ending on December 1, 2019 based on the Company's stock price being at or above $25.00, $27.00 and $29.00 per share over a 60-day consecutive period. These shares may vest over a period from December 1, 2017 to December 1, 2019 based on meeting the price targets. In addition, the grantees must be employed with the Company on the vesting date to receive the shares. The Company determined the fair value of these market condition awards in accordance with *ASC 718 – Stock Compensation* using the Monte Carlo simulation model deemed appropriate for this type of grant. The grant date fair value for these grants was $11.63 for the awards that vest at the $25 stock price, $10.30 for the awards that vest at the $27 stock price and $9.10 for the awards that vest at the $29 stock price. The grant date fair value for the Company's stock was $18.99 per share. The Company recognized $85 thousand in stock compensation expense for the six months ended June 30, 2015 for these restricted stock awards.

9. Derivative Instruments

Information about derivative instruments at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 is as follows:

June 30, 2015:

(Dollars in thousands)	Notional Amount	Maturity	Received	Paid	Fair Value Asset (Liability)
Cash flow hedge:					
Interest rate swap on FHLB advance	$25,000	4.7 years	0.28 %	1.62 %	$ (291)
Interest rate swap on FHLB advance	$25,000	5.0 years	0.28 %	1.83 %	(310)
					$ (601)

December 31, 2014:

(Dollars in thousands)	Notional Amount	Maturity	Received	Paid	Fair Value Asset (Liability)

Cash flow hedge:						
Interest rate swap on FHLB advance	$25,000	4.7 years	0.26	% 1.62 %	$ (73	)
Interest rate swap on forward-starting FHLB advance	$25,000	5.0 years	0.26	% 1.83 %	(113	)
					$ (186	)

The effective portion of unrealized changes in the fair value of derivatives accounted for as cash flow hedges is reported in other comprehensive income and subsequently reclassified to earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The Bank assesses the effectiveness of each hedging relationship by comparing the changes in cash flows of the derivative hedging instrument with the changes in cash flows of the designated hedged item or transaction. The ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivatives is recognized directly in earnings.

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The Bank's cash flow hedge positions are all forward starting interest rate swap transactions. The Bank entered into the following forward starting interest rate swap transactions:

(Dollars in thousands)	Notional Amount	Effective Date of Hedged Borrowing	Duration of Borrowing	Counterparty
Type of borrowing:				
FHLB 90-day advance	$25,000	April 1, 2014	4.7 years	Bank of Montreal
FHLB 90-day advance	$25,000	January 2, 2015	5.0 years	Bank of Montreal

This hedge strategy converts the LIBOR based rate of interest on certain FHLB advances to fixed interest rates, thereby protecting the Bank from floating interest rate variability.

Changes in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income related to interest rate derivatives designated as hedges of cash flows were as follows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended June 30, 2015	2014	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015	2014
Interest rate swap on FHLB advance:				
Unrealized gain (loss) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income	$ 336	$ (195)	$ (232)	$ (108)
Income tax (expense) benefit on items recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income	(131)	76	90	42
Other comprehensive income (loss)	$ 205	$ (119)	$ (142)	$ (66)
Interest expense recognized on hedged FHLB advance	$ 183	$ 88	$ 365	$ 88

10. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

GAAP requires disclosure of fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the statement of condition, for which it is practicable to estimate that value. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. Those techniques are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rates and estimates of future cash flows. In that

regard, the derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparisons to independent markets and, in many cases, could not be realized in immediate settlement of the instrument.

Management uses its best judgment in estimating the fair value of the Company's financial instruments; however, there are inherent weaknesses in any estimation technique. Therefore, for substantially all financial instruments, the fair value estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could have realized in a sales transaction at either June 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014. The estimated fair value amounts have been measured as of the respective period-ends, and have not been reevaluated or updated for purposes of these consolidated financial statements subsequent to those respective dates. As such, the estimated fair values of these financial instruments subsequent to the respective reporting dates may be different than the amounts reported at each period-end.

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The carrying values, fair values and placement in the fair value hierarchy of the Company's financial instruments at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	June 30, 2015				
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(In thousands)				
Financial Assets:					
Cash and due from banks	$75,550	$75,550	$75,550	$-	$-
Available for sale securities	46,883	46,883	-	46,883	-
Held to maturity securities	11,341	11,337	-	11,337	-
Loans held for sale	-	-	-	-	-
Loans receivable, net	1,021,693	1,026,890	-	-	1,026,890
Accrued interest receivable	3,575	3,575	-	-	3,575
FHLB stock	6,918	6,918	-	-	6,918
Financial Liabilities:					
Demand deposits	$162,546	$162,546	$-	$-	$162,546
NOW and money market	334,561	334,561	-	-	334,561
Savings	106,445	106,445	-	-	106,445
Time deposits	348,029	349,797	-	-	349,797
Advances from the FHLB	124,000	124,175	-	-	124,175
Derivative liability	601	601	-	601	-

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	December 31, 2014				
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(In thousands)				
Financial Assets:					
Cash and due from banks	$48,559	$48,559	$48,559	$-	$-
Available for sale securities	65,009	65,009	-	65,009	-
Held to maturity securities	11,454	11,470	-	11,470	-
Loans held for sale	586	586	-	586	-
Loans receivable, net	915,981	920,031	-	-	920,031
Accrued interest receivable	3,323	3,323	-	-	3,323
FHLB stock	6,109	6,109	-	-	6,109
Financial Liabilities:					
Demand deposits	$166,030	$166,030	$-	$-	$166,030
NOW and money market	276,501	276,501	-	-	276,501
Savings	84,457	84,457	-	-	84,457
Time deposits	308,451	310,165	-	-	310,165
Advances from the FHLB	129,000	128,961	-	-	128,961
Derivative liability	186	186	-	186	-

The following methods and assumptions were used by management in estimating the fair value of its financial instruments:

Cash and due from banks and accrued interest receivable: The carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

Investment securities: Fair values are based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes, if available. If a quoted market price is not available, fair value is estimated using quoted market prices for similar securities.

FHLB stock: The carrying value of FHLB stock approximates fair value based on the most recent redemption provisions of the FHLB.

Loans held for sale: The fair value is based upon prevailing market prices.

Loans receivable: For variable rate loans which reprice frequently and have no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. The fair value of fixed rate loans are estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the year end rates at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining maturities.

Derivative asset (liability): The valuation of the Company's interest rate swaps is obtained from a third-party pricing service and is determined using a discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. The pricing analysis is based on observable inputs for the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity and interest rate curves.

Deposits: The fair value of demand deposits, regular savings and certain money market deposits is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of certificates of deposit and other time deposits is estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities to a schedule of aggregated expected maturities on such deposits.

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Advances from the FHLB: The fair value of the advances is estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies current FHLB interest rates for advances of similar maturity to a schedule of maturities of such advances.

11. Fair Value Measurements

The Company is required to account for certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring or non-recurring basis. As discussed in Note 1, the Company determines fair value in accordance with GAAP, which defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1	Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
Level 2	Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
Level 3	Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

Valuation techniques based on unobservable inputs are highly subjective and require judgments regarding significant matters such as the amount and timing of future cash flows and the selection of discount rates that may appropriately reflect market and credit risks. Changes in these judgments often have a material impact on the fair value estimates. In addition, since these estimates are as of a specific point in time they are susceptible to material near-term changes.

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Financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis

The following tables detail the financial instruments carried at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques utilized by the Company to determine the fair value. The Company had no transfers into or out of Levels 1, 2 or 3 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and the year ended December 31, 2014.

(In thousands)	Fair Value Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
June 30, 2015:			
Available-for-sale investment securities:			
U.S. Government and agency obligations	$-	$8,146	$ -
State agency and municipal obligations	-	18,094	-
Corporate bonds	-	15,545	-
Mortgage backed securities	-	5,098	-
Derivative liability	-	(601)	-
December 31, 2014:			
Available-for-sale investment securities:			
U.S. Government and agency obligations	$-	$24,418	$ -
State agency and municipal obligations	-	18,584	-
Corporate bonds	-	16,325	-
Mortgage backed securities	-	5,682	-
Derivative liability	-	(186)	-

Available for sale investment securities: The fair value of the Company's investment securities are estimated by using pricing models or quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics (i.e. matrix pricing) and are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

Derivative liabilities: The Company's derivative liabilities consist of an interest rate swap initiated in February 2014 and an interest rate swap initiated in December 2014 as part of management's strategy to manage interest rate risk. The valuation of the Company's interest rate swaps is obtained from a third-party pricing service and is determined using a discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. The pricing analysis is based on observable inputs for the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity and interest rate curves. The Company has determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its interest rate derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Financial instruments measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis in accordance with GAAP. These include assets that are measured at the-lower-of-cost-or-market that were recognized at fair value below cost at the end of the period as well as assets that are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances, such as when there is evidence of impairment.

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The following table details the financial instruments carried at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques utilized by the Company to determine the fair value:

(In thousands)	Fair Value Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
June 30, 2015:			
Impaired loans	$-	$ -	$8,910
Foreclosed real estate	-	-	830
December 31, 2014:			
Impaired loans	$-	$ -	$8,281
Foreclosed real estate	-	-	950

The following table presents information about quantitative inputs and assumptions for Level 3 financial instruments carried at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

(Dollars in thousands)	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Input	Range
June 30, 2015:				
Impaired loans	$ 8,910	Appraisals	Discount for dated appraisals	8.00%
		Discounted cash flows	Discount rate	3.25% - 8.00%
Foreclosed real estate	$ 830	Appraisals	Discount for dated appraisals	34.8% - 66.6%
December 31, 2014:				
Impaired loans	$ 8,281	Appraisals	Discount for dated appraisals	-
		Discounted cash flows	Discount rate	3.25% to 8.25%
Foreclosed real estate	$ 950	Appraisals	Discount for dated appraisals	7.34% to

66.6%

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Impaired loans: Loans are generally not recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Periodically, the Company records nonrecurring adjustments to the carrying value of loans based on fair value measurements for partial charge-offs of the uncollectible portions of those loans. Nonrecurring adjustments also include certain impairment amounts for collateral-dependent loans calculated in accordance with ASC 310-10 when establishing the allowance for credit losses. Such amounts are generally based on the fair value of the underlying collateral supporting the loan. Collateral is typically valued using appraisals or other indications of value based on recent comparable sales of similar properties or other assumptions. Estimates of fair value based on collateral are generally based on assumptions not observable in the marketplace and therefore such valuations have been classified as Level 3. For those loans where the primary source of repayment is cash flow from operations, adjustments include impairment amounts calculated based on the perceived collectability of interest payments on the basis of a discounted cash flow analysis utilizing a discount rate equivalent to the original note rate.

Foreclosed real estate: The Company classifies property acquired through foreclosure or acceptance of deed-in-lieu of foreclosure as foreclosed real estate and repossessed assets in its financial statements. Upon foreclosure, the property securing the loan is written down to fair value less selling costs. The write-down is based upon differences between the appraised value and the book value. Appraisals are based on observable market data such as comparable sales, however assumptions made in determining comparability are unobservable and therefore these assets are classified as Level 3 within the valuation hierarchy.

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12. Mergers and Acquisitions

On October 1, 2014, the Company acquired all of the outstanding common shares of Quinnipiac Bank & Trust Company ("Quinnipiac"). Quinnipiac had two banking offices primarily serving south-central Connecticut and has merged with and into Bankwell Bank.

Quinnipiac shareholders received 510,122 shares of the Company common stock and $3.6 million in cash. As of September 30, 2014, Quinnipiac had assets with a carrying value of approximately $117.8 million, including loans outstanding with a carrying value of approximately $97.1 million, as well as deposits with a carrying value of approximately $100.4 million and a book value of $10.1 million. The results of Quinnipiac's operations are included in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Income from the date of acquisition.

The assets and liabilities in the Quinnipiac acquisition were recorded at their fair value based on management's best estimate using information available at the date of acquisition. Consideration paid and fair values of Quinnipiac's assets acquired and liabilities assumed are summarized in the following tables:

Consideration paid: *(In thousands)*	Amount
Cash consideration paid to Quinnipiac shareholders	$3,648
Equity consideration paid to Quinnipiac shareholders	9,676
Total Consideration paid	13,324

Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and (liabilities) assumed: *(In thousands)*	As Acquired	Fair Value Adjustments		As Recorded at Acquisition
Cash	$6,195	$ -		$ 6,195
Available for sale investments securities	8,533	(29)	a	8,504
Loans	97,103	748	b	97,851
Premises and equipment	4,046	-		4,046
Other real estate owned	129			129
Core deposit intangibles	-	530	c	530
Deferred tax assets, net	1,070	(388)	d	682
Other assets	756	-		756
Deposits	(100,391)	(252)	e	(100,643)

FHLB advances	(7,000)		(7,000)
Other liabilities	(315)	-	(315)
Total identifiable net assets	$10,126	$ 609	10,735
Goodwill			$2,589

Explanation of fair value adjustments:

(a) The adjustment represents the mark to market adjustment on available for sale investment securities.

(b) The adjustment represents the adjustment of the book value of loans to their estimated fair value based on current interest rates and expected cash flows, which includes an estimate of expected loan loss inherent in the portfolio.

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(c) Represents the economic value of the acquired core deposit base (total deposits less jumbo time deposits). The core deposit intangible will be amortized over an estimated life of 8.8 years based on the double declining balance method of amortization.

(d) Represents net deferred tax assets resulting from the fair value adjustments related to the acquired assets and liabilities, identifiable intangibles and other purchase accounting adjustments.

(e) The adjustment represents the fair value of time deposits, which were valued at a premium of 0.57% as they bore somewhat higher rates than the prevailing market.

Except for collateral dependent loans with deteriorated credit quality, the fair values for loans acquired from Quinnipiac were estimated using cash flow projections based on the remaining maturity and repricing terms. Cash flows were adjusted by estimating future credit losses and the rate of prepayments. Projected monthly cash flows were then discounted to present value using a risk-adjusted market rate for similar loans. For collateral dependent loans with deteriorated credit quality, to estimate the fair value, the Company analyzed the value of the underlying collateral of the loans, assuming the fair values of the loans were derived from the eventual sale of the collateral. Those values were discounted using market derived rates of return, with consideration given to the period of time and costs associated with the foreclosure and disposition of the collateral. There was no carryover of Quinnipiac's allowance for credit losses associated with the loans that were acquired as the loans were initially recorded at fair value.

Information about the acquired loan portfolio subject to purchased credit impaired accounting guidance (ASC 310-30) as of October 1, 2014 was as follows:

(In thousands)	October 1, 2014
Contractually required principal and interest at acquisition	$1,729
Contractual cash flows not expected to be collected (nonaccretable discount)	(6)
Expected cash flows at acquisition	1,723
Interest component of expected cash flows (accretable discount)	(478)
Fair value of acquired loans	$1,245

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition or disclosure in the consolidated financial statements through August 10, 2015, the date upon which the Company's consolidated financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events were identified that would have required a change to the consolidated financial statements or disclosure in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. The Company filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 29, 2015. The Registration Statement was filed so that, when declared effective the Company may sell debt securities, preferred stock, depository shares, common stock, stock purchase contracts, stock purchase units, warrants and units in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of $50.0 million of securities.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This section presents management's perspective on our financial condition and results of operations. The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and related notes contained elsewhere in this report on Form 10-Q. To the extent that this discussion describes prior performance, the descriptions relate only to the periods listed, which may not be indicative of future financial outcomes. In addition to historical information, this discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause results to differ materially from management's expectations. Factors that could cause such differences are discussed in the Company's Form 10-K filed for the year ended December 31, 2014 in the sections titled "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" We assume no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements.

General

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered in New Canaan, Connecticut. Through our wholly owned subsidiary, Bankwell Bank, or the Bank, we serve small and medium-sized businesses and retail customers in greater Fairfield County, Connecticut. We also serve similar customers in greater New Haven County, Connecticut as a result of the merger with Quinnipiac Bank and Trust Company. We have a history of building long-term customer relationships and attracting new customers through what we believe is our strong customer service and our ability to deliver a diverse product offering.

The following discussion and analysis presents our results of operations and financial condition on a consolidated basis. However, because we conduct all of our material business operations through the Bank, the discussion and analysis relates to activities primarily conducted at the Bank.

As a bank holding company, we generate most of our revenue from interest on loans and investments and fee-based revenues. Our primary source of funding for our loans is deposits. Our largest expenses are interest on these deposits and salaries and related employee benefits. We measure our performance primarily through our net interest margin, efficiency ratio, ratio of allowance for loan losses to total loans, return on average assets and return on average equity, among other metrics, while maintaining appropriate regulatory leverage and risk-based capital ratios.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition are based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from our 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.

We believe that accounting estimates for the fair value of acquired assets, the allowance for loan losses, stock-based compensation and derivative instrument valuation are particularly critical and susceptible to significant near-term change. These accounting estimates are discussed further in the Company's Form 10-K filed for the year ended December 31, 2014 in the section "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Executive Overview

We are focused on becoming the “Hometown” bank and the banking provider of choice in our highly attractive market area, and to serve as a locally based alternative to our larger competitors. We aim to do this through:

- responsive, customer-centric products and services and a community focus;
- strategic acquisitions;
- utilization of efficient and scalable infrastructure;
- disciplined focus on risk management; and
- organic growth.

On November 5, 2013 we completed the merger of Wilton into Bankwell Bank.

On May 15, 2014, Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. priced 2,702,703 common shares in its IPO at $18.00 per share, and on May 15, 2014, Bankwell common shares began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The net proceeds from the IPO were approximately $44.7 million, after deducting the underwriting discount of approximately $2.5 million and approximately $1.3 million of expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes, which may include maintaining liquidity at the holding company, providing equity capital to the Bank to fund balance sheet growth, our working capital needs, and funding acquisitions of branches, whole financial institutions and related lines of businesses in or around our existing market that further our objectives.

On October 1, 2014 Quinnipiac merged with and into Bankwell Bank. Quinnipiac had one branch located in Hamden, Connecticut and a second branch located in the neighboring town of North Haven, Connecticut. The results discussed below for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 do not reflect any results from Quinnipiac.

Earnings Overview

Net income available to common shareholders was $2.3 million, or $0.31 per diluted share, and $1.2 million, or $0.23 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Returns on average equity and average assets for the three months ended June 30, 2015 were 6.91% and 0.80%, respectively, compared to 5.46% and 0.58%, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2014.

Net income available to common shareholders was $4.1 million, or $0.57 per diluted share, and $2.3 million, or $0.51 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Returns on average equity and

average assets for the six months ended June 30, 2015 were 6.36% and 0.75%, respectively, compared to 5.93% and 0.59%, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

For the three months ended June 30, 2015, we had net interest income of $10.7 million, an increase of $3.6 million, or 50.3%, over the three months ended June 30, 2014. Our net interest margin (fully taxable equivalent basis) for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was 3.97% and 3.68%, respectively. We experienced an increase in our non-interest income, which totaled $854 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2015 representing 7.4% of our total revenue, up from $682 thousand, or 8.7% of total revenue, for the three months ended June 30, 2014.

For the six months ended June 30, 2015, we had net interest income of $20.6 million, an increase of $6.3 million, or 44.4%, over the six months ended June 30, 2014. Our net interest margin (fully taxable equivalent basis) for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was 3.93% and 3.82%, respectively. Non-interest income remained flat when comparing the six months ended June 30, 2015 to the six months ended June 30, 2014, which totaled $1.5 million.

Results of Operations

Net Interest Income

Net interest income is the difference between interest earned on loans and securities and interest paid on deposits and other borrowings, and is the primary source of our operating income. Net interest income is affected by the level of interest rates, changes in interest rates and changes in the amount and composition of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Included in interest income are certain loan fees, such as deferred origination fees and late charges. The following tables and discussion present net interest income on a fully taxable equivalent, or FTE basis, by adjusting income and yields on tax-exempt loans and securities to be comparable to taxable loans and securities. We convert tax-exempt income to a FTE basis using the statutory federal income tax rate adjusted for applicable state income taxes net of the related federal tax benefit. The average balances are principally daily averages. Interest income on loans includes the effect of deferred loan fees and costs accounted for as yield adjustments. Premium amortization and discount accretion are included in the respective interest income and interest expense amounts.

FTE net interest income for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was $10.9 million and $7.3 million, respectively. FTE net interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was $20.9 million and $14.5 million, respectively. Our net interest margin increased 29 basis points to 3.97% for the three months ended June 30, 2015, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2014 due primarily to higher loan pre-payment penalties concentrated in the second quarter of 2015 and a shift in the loan portfolio to higher yielding commercial real estate loans, offset by an increase in rates on interest bearing deposits driven by promotional rate increases to remain competitive in the marketplace and to attract additional deposits. Our net interest margin increased 11 basis points to 3.93% for the six months ended June 30, 2015, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014 due primarily to higher pre-payment penalties realized in the second quarter of 2015 and a shift in the loan portfolio to higher yielding commercial real estate loans, offset by an increase in rates on interest bearing deposits driven by promotional rate increases to remain competitive in the marketplace and to attract additional deposits.

FTE basis interest income for the three months ended June 30, 2015 increased by $4.3 million, or 53.3%, to $12.5 million, compared to FTE basis interest income for the three months ended June 30, 2014 due primarily to loan growth in our commercial real estate and commercial business portfolios. Average interest-earning assets were $1.1 billion for the three months ended June 30, 2015, up by $305.1 million from the three months ended June 30, 2014. The average balance of total loans increased $344.1 million, or 52.6%, contributing $4.3 million to the increase in interest income. Commercial real estate and commercial business loan average balances grew by $247.8 million and $51.0 million, respectively. The average yield on interest earning assets increased from 4.09% from the three months ended June 30, 2014 to 4.52% for the three months ended June 30, 2015 due mainly to a change in portfolio mix towards higher yielding commercial and commercial real estate loans.

FTE basis interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2015 increased by $7.8 million, or 48.1%, to $23.9 million, compared to FTE basis interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2014 due primarily to loan growth in our commercial real estate and commercial business portfolios, offset by lower discount accretion. Average interest-earning assets were $1.1 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2015, up by $302.2 million from the six

months ended June 30, 2014. The average balance of total loans increased $318.4 million, or 49.0%, contributing $7.7 million to the increase in interest income. Commercial real estate and commercial business loan average balances grew by $225.6 million and $49.5 million, respectively. The average yield on interest earning assets increased from 4.22% from the six months ended June 30, 2014 to 4.47% for the six months ended June 30, 2015 due mainly to a change in portfolio mix towards higher yielding commercial and commercial real estate loans.

Interest expense for the three months ended June 30, 2015, increased by $750 thousand, or 83.6%, compared to interest expense for the three months ended June 30, 2014 due to a $255.5 million increase in the average balances of interest-bearing liabilities due to higher average balances in money market, time accounts and borrowed money and increased rates on deposits, primarily due to promotional rates on money markets and certificates of deposits to remain competitive in the marketplace.

Interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2015, increased by $1.4 million, or 87.8%, compared to interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2014 due to a $239.2 million increase in the average balances of interest-bearing liabilities due to higher average balances in money market, time accounts and borrowed money and increased rates on time deposits and borrowed money.

Average Balance Sheet, FTE basis Interest and Average Yields/Rates

The following tables present the average balances and yields earned on interest-earning assets and average balances and weighted average rates paid on our funding liabilities for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2015			2014		
(Dollars in thousands)	**Average Balance**	**Interest**	**Yield / Rate**	**Average Balance**	**Interest**	**Yield / Rate**
Assets:						
Cash and Fed funds sold	$29,339	$16	0.22 %	$78,646	$49	0.25 %
Securities (1)	60,049	559	3.68	51,755	529	4.05
Loans:						
Commercial real estate	583,036	7,333	4.98	335,263	4,086	4.82
Residential real estate	174,021	1,578	3.59	160,899	1,467	3.61
Construction (2)	68,073	803	4.66	42,377	515	4.80
Commercial business	149,067	1,935	5.13	98,113	1,239	4.99
Home equity	18,176	169	3.73	13,124	122	3.74
Consumer	2,478	30	4.84	714	15	8.17
Acquired Loan Portfolio Non accrual loans (net of mark)	2,968	50	6.81	3,220	116	14.49
Total loans	997,819	11,898	4.72	653,710	7,560	4.57
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	6,859	27	1.57	4,881	18	1.47
Total earning assets	1,094,066	12,500	4.52 %	788,992	8,156	4.09 %
Other assets	53,120			57,416		
Total assets	$1,147,186			$846,408		
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
NOW	$62,331	17	0.11 %	$52,605	15	0.11 %
Money market	241,183	324	0.54	173,202	167	0.39
Savings	101,903	192	0.76	92,501	68	0.30
Time	315,820	698	0.89	233,044	481	0.83
Total interest-bearing deposits	721,237	1,231	0.68	551,352	731	0.53
Borrowed money	133,744	416	1.25	48,089	166	1.39
Total interest bearing liabilities	854,981	1,647	0.77 %	599,441	897	0.60 %
Noninterest-bearing deposits	149,418			127,051		
Other liabilities	10,049			29,799		
Total Liabilities	1,014,448			756,291		
Shareholders' equity	132,738			90,117		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$1,147,186			$846,408		
Net interest income (3)		$10,853			$7,259	
Interest rate spread			3.75 %			3.49 %
Net interest margin (4)			3.97 %			3.68 %

(1) Average balances and yields for securities are based on amortized cost.

(2) Includes commercial and residential real estate construction.

(3) The adjustment for securities and loans taxable equivalency amounted to $112 thousand and $111 thousand, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

(4) Annualized net interest income as a percentage of earning assets.

	Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2015			2014		
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance	Interest	Yield / Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield / Rate
Assets:						
Cash and Fed funds sold	$24,131	$28	0.24 %	$55,672	$71	0.26 %
Securities (1)	63,262	1,150	3.64	49,751	1,031	4.14
Loans:						
Commercial real estate	555,277	13,603	4.87	329,700	8,051	4.86
Residential real estate	173,665	3,158	3.64	158,508	2,863	3.61
Construction (2)	67,979	1,596	4.67	45,854	1,045	4.53
Commercial business	147,568	3,791	5.11	98,087	2,408	4.88
Home equity	18,124	339	3.77	13,666	249	3.68
Consumer	2,641	64	4.85	610	27	8.80
Acquired Loan Portfolio Non accrual loans (net of mark)	3,037	104	6.93	3,466	344	20.03
Total loans	968,291	22,655	4.65	649,891	14,987	4.59
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	6,651	54	1.61	4,834	36	1.49
Total earning assets	1,062,335	23,887	4.47 %	760,148	16,125	4.22 %
Other assets	49,358			47,324		
Total assets	$1,111,693			$807,472		
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
NOW	$57,458	32	0.11 %	$52,668	28	0.11 %
Money market	235,595	605	0.52	172,859	346	0.40
Savings	91,003	278	0.62	100,240	151	0.30
Time	310,931	1,353	0.88	208,151	827	0.80
Total interest-bearing deposits	694,987	2,268	0.66	533,918	1,352	0.51
Borrowed money	127,053	757	1.20	48,901	259	1.07
Total interest bearing liabilities	822,040	3,025	0.74 %	582,819	1,611	0.56 %
Noninterest-bearing deposits	151,516			124,475		
Other liabilities	6,355			20,265		
Total Liabilities	979,911			727,559		
Shareholders' equity	131,782			79,913		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$1,111,693			$807,472		
Net interest income (3)		$20,862			$14,514	
Interest rate spread			3.73 %			3.66 %
Net interest margin (4)			3.93 %			3.82 %

(1) Average balances and yields for securities are based on amortized cost.

(2) Includes commercial and residential real estate construction.

(3) The adjustment for securities and loans taxable equivalency amounted to $228 thousand and $220 thousand, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

(4) Annualized net interest income as a percentage of earning assets.

Effect of changes in interest rates and volume of average earning assets and average interest-bearing liabilities

The following table shows the extent to which changes in interest rates and changes in the volume of average earning assets and average interest-bearing liabilities have affected net interest income. For each category of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided relating to: changes in volume (changes in average balances multiplied by the prior year's average interest rates); changes in rates (changes in average interest rates multiplied by the prior year's average balances); and the total change. Changes attributable to both volume and rate have been allocated proportionately based on the relationship of the absolute dollar amount of change in each.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2015 vs 2014 Increase (Decrease)			**Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 vs 2014 Increase (Decrease)**		
(In thousands)	**Volume**	**Rate**	**Total**	**Volume**	**Rate**	**Total**
Interest and dividend income:						
Cash and Fed funds sold	$(28)	$(5)	$(33)	$(37)	$(6)	$(43)
Securities	80	(50)	30	256	(137)	119
Loans:						
Commercial real estate	3,112	135	3,247	5,526	26	5,552
Residential real estate	119	(8)	111	275	20	295
Construction	304	(16)	288	519	32	551
Commercial business	660	36	696	1,266	117	1,383
Home equity	47	-	47	83	7	90
Consumer	23	(8)	15	54	(17)	37
Acquired non accrual loans (net of mark)	(9)	(57)	(66)	(38)	(202)	(240)
Total loans	4,256	82	4,338	7,685	(17)	7,668
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	7	2	9	14	4	18
Total change in interest and dividend income	4,315	29	4,344	7,918	(156)	7,762
Interest expense:						
Deposits:						
NOW	2	-	2	3	1	4
Money market	78	79	157	145	114	259
Savings	7	117	124	(15)	142	127
Time	181	36	217	441	85	526
Total deposits	268	232	500	574	342	916
Borrowed money	268	(18)	250	462	36	498
Total change in interest expense	536	214	750	1,036	378	1,414
Change in net interest income	$3,779	$(185)	$3,594	$6,882	$(534)	$6,348

Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses is based on management's periodic assessment of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses which, in turn, is based on such interrelated factors as the composition of the loan portfolio and its inherent risk characteristics, the level of nonperforming loans and net charge-offs, both current and historic, local economic and credit conditions, the direction of real estate values, and regulatory guidelines. The provision for loan losses is charged against earnings in order to maintain our allowance for loan losses and reflects management's best estimate of probable losses inherent in our loan portfolio at the balance sheet date.

Under accounting standards for business combinations, acquired loans are recorded at fair value with no loan loss allowance on the date of acquisition. A provision for loan losses will be recorded for the emergence of new probable and estimable losses on acquired loans which were not impaired as of the acquisition date. As of and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, there was a $10 thousand provision or allowance for loan losses related to the loan portfolios that we acquired.

The provision for loan losses for the three months ended June 30, 2015 was $654 thousand compared to $70 thousand provision for loan losses for the three months ended June 30, 2014. The provision for loan losses for the six months ended June 30, 2015 was $1.4 million compared to $282 thousand provision for loan losses for the six months ended June 30, 2014. For further information, see sections titled Asset Quality and Allowance for Loan Losses.

Noninterest Income

The following tables compare noninterest income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		**Change**	
(Dollars in thousands)	**2015**	**2014**	**$**	**%**
Gains and fees from sales of loans	$349	$213	$136	64 %
Service charges and fees	233	143	90	63
Bank owned life insurance	185	86	99	115
Other	87	240	(153)	(64)
Total noninterest income	$854	$682	$172	25 %

Noninterest income increased $172 thousand to $854 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2014, reflecting an increase in gains recorded on sales of loans. During the three months ended June 30, 2015, the Company recorded $349 thousand of gains on the sale of $4.0 million of loans. During the three months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded $213 thousand in gains on the sale of $2.2 million of loans. Service charges and fees increased $90 thousand from $143 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2014 to $233 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2015, primarily driven by increased service charges on checking accounts and increased ATM and debit card fees. The cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance increased by $99 thousand due to the purchase of an additional tranche of $12.5 million in the third quarter of 2014. Other income decreased $153 thousand from $240 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2014 to $87 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2015, primarily driven by gains recognized on the sale of acquired impaired loans for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and decreases in investment services income.

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	Six Months Ended June 30,		Change	
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	$	%
Gains and fees from sales of loans	$438	$642	$(204)	(32)%
Service charges and fees	441	267	174	65
Bank owned life insurance	368	171	197	115
Gain on sale of foreclosed real estate, net	18	-	18	100
Other	187	372	(185)	(50)
Total noninterest income	$1,452	$1,452	$-	- %

Noninterest income remained flat at $1.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014. During the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company recorded $438 thousand of gains on the sale of $7.8 million of loans. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded $642 thousand in gains on the sale of $16.5 million of loans. Service charges and fees increased $174 thousand from $267 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2014 to $441 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2015, primarily driven by increased service charges on checking accounts and increased ATM and debit card fees. The cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance increased by $197 thousand due to the purchase of an additional tranche of $12.5 million in the third quarter of 2014. Other income decreased $185 thousand from $372 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2014 to $187 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2015, primarily driven by gains recognized on the sale of acquired impaired loans for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and decreases in investment services income.

Noninterest Expense

The following tables compare noninterest expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, and 2014:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Change	
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	$	%
Salaries and employee benefits	$4,057	$3,284	$773	24 %
Occupancy and equipment	1,310	1,030	280	27
Data processing	405	300	105	35
Professional services	369	272	97	36
Marketing	271	218	53	24
FDIC insurance	163	107	56	52
Director fees	141	143	(2)	(1)
Amortization of intangibles	51	27	24	89
Foreclosed real estate	6	-	6	100

Merger and acquisition related expenses	-	122	(122)	(100)
Other	607	394	213	54
Total noninterest expense	$7,380	$5,897	$1,483	25 %

Noninterest expense increased $1.5 million to $7.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2014. The increase was primarily driven by a $773 thousand increase in salaries and employee benefits. The increase in salaries and employee benefits was driven by higher staffing levels, stock based compensation, medical costs and incentive accruals. Full time equivalent employees increased 25 employees from 104 full time equivalent employees at June 30, 2014 to 129 full time equivalent employees at June 30, 2015. In addition, the increase was driven by a $280 thousand increase in occupancy and equipment. The increase in occupancy and equipment was driven by increased costs associated with the addition of the two branches added as a result of the Quinnipiac Bank acquisition and the opening of a branch in Norwalk Connecticut.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Change	
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014	$	%
Salaries and employee benefits	$8,019	$6,625	$1,394	21 %
Occupancy and equipment	2,659	2,096	563	27
Data processing	741	639	102	16
Professional services	694	641	53	8
Marketing	418	328	90	27
FDIC insurance	321	225	96	43
Director fees	289	282	7	2
Amortization of intangibles	102	54	48	89
Foreclosed real estate	10	12	(2)	(17)
Merger and acquisition related expenses	-	263	(263)	(100)
Other	1,097	774	323	42
Total noninterest expense	$14,350	$11,939	$2,411	20 %

Noninterest expense increased $2.4 million to $14.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014. The increase was primarily driven by a $1.4 million increase in salaries and employee benefits. The increase in salaries and employee benefits was driven by higher staffing levels, stock based compensation, medical costs and incentive accruals. In addition, the increase was driven by a $563 thousand increase in occupancy and equipment. The increase in occupancy and equipment was driven by increased costs associated with the addition of the two branches added as a result of the Quinnipiac Bank acquisition and the opening of a branch in Norwalk Connecticut.

Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 totaled $1.3 million and $636 thousand, respectively. The effective tax rates for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were 35.8%, and 34.1%, respectively. The increase in the effective tax rate is driven by fully taxable income increasing at a faster rate than tax-preferred or exempt income for the three months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2014.

Income tax expense for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 totaled $2.2 million and $1.2 million, respectively. The effective tax rates for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were 34.5%, and 33.3%, respectively. The increase in the effective tax rate is driven by fully taxable income increasing at a faster rate than tax-preferred or exempt income for the six months ended June 30, 2015 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Financial Condition

Summary

At June 30, 2015, total assets were $1.2 billion, a $115.1 million, or 10.5%, increase over December 31, 2014. Total loans outstanding and total deposits totaled $1.0 billion and $951.6 million, respectively at June 30, 2015. Our credit quality remained strong, with nonperforming assets to total assets of 0.24% and the allowance for loan losses to total loans was 1.18%. Total shareholders' equity at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was $133.7 million and $129.2 million, respectively. Tangible book value was $16.95 per share at June 30, 2015 compared to $16.35 per share at December 31, 2014.

Loan Portfolio

We originate commercial and residential real estate loans, including construction loans, commercial business loans, home equity and other consumer loans. Lending activities are primarily conducted within our market of Fairfield and New Haven Counties and the surrounding Connecticut region. Our loan portfolio is the largest category of our earning assets. Loans acquired in connection with the Wilton acquisition in November 2013 and the Quinnipiac acquisition in October 2014 are referred to as "acquired" loans as a result of the manner in which they are accounted for. All other loans are referred to as "originated" loans. Accordingly, selected disclosures that follow are presented separately for the originated loan portfolio and the acquired loan portfolio.

Total loans before deferred loan fees and the allowance for loan losses were $1.0 billion at June 30, 2015, up by $107.4 million, or 11.6%, from December 31, 2014. Commercial real estate loans have experienced the most significant growth, up by $105.8 million.

The following table compares the composition of our loan portfolio for the dates indicated:

(In thousands)	June 30, 2015			December 31, 2014			Change
	Originated	Acquired	Total	Originated	Acquired	Total	Total
Real estate loans:							
Residential	$172,541	$3,809	$176,350	$169,833	$5,198	$175,031	$1,319
Commercial	573,995	52,947	626,942	458,506	62,675	521,181	105,761
Construction	63,431	1,120	64,551	62,258	971	63,229	1,322
Home equity	8,526	8,312	16,838	10,226	7,940	18,166	(1,328)
	818,493	66,188	884,681	700,823	76,784	777,607	107,074
Commercial business	121,435	28,841	150,276	120,360	28,899	149,259	1,017
Consumer	293	1,942	2,235	243	2,653	2,896	(661)
Total loans	$940,221	$96,971	$1,037,192	$821,426	$108,336	$929,762	$107,430

Asset Quality

Asset quality metrics remained strong through the second quarter of 2015. Nonperforming assets totaled $2.9 million and represented 0.24% of total assets at June 30, 2015, compared to $4.3 million and 0.39% of total assets at December 31, 2014. Nonaccrual loans totaled $2.1 million at June 30, 2015, a decrease of $1.3 million compared to December 31, 2014. The balance of foreclosed real estate decreased $120 thousand and totaled $830 thousand at June 30, 2015 when compared to December 31, 2014.

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The following table presents nonperforming assets and additional asset quality data for the dates indicated:

	At June 30, 2015			At December 31, 2014		
(In thousands)	Originated	Acquired	Total	Originated	Acquired	Total
Nonaccrual loans:						
Real estate loans:						
Commercial	970	498	1,468	3,220	-	3,220
Home equity	-	240	240	-	-	-
Commercial business	231	155	386	142	-	142
Total non accrual loans	1,201	893	2,094	3,362	-	3,362
Property acquired through foreclosure or repossession, net	-	830	830	-	950	950
Total nonperforming assets	$1,201	$1,723	$2,924	$3,362	$ 950	$4,312
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.10 %	0.14 %	0.24 %	0.31 %	0.09 %	0.39 %
Nonaccrual loans to total loans	0.13 %	0.92 %	0.20 %	0.41 %	0.00 %	0.36 %
Total past due loans to total loans	0.44 %	4.88 %	0.85 %	0.42 %	4.23 %	0.86 %
Accruing loans 90 days or more past due	$-	$1,479	$1,479	$216	$ 1,782	$1,998

Allowance for Loan Losses

Establishing an appropriate level of allowance for loan losses, or the allowance, involves a high degree of judgment. We use a methodology to systematically measure the amount of estimated loan loss exposure inherent in our loan portfolio for purposes of establishing a sufficient allowance for loan losses. We evaluate the adequacy of the allowance at least quarterly. Our allowance for loan losses is our best estimate of the probable loan losses inherent in our loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. The allowance is increased by provisions charged to earnings and by recoveries of amounts previously charged off, and is reduced by charge-offs on loans.

At June 30, 2015, our allowance for loan losses was $12.2 million and represented 1.18% of total loans, compared to $10.9 million, or 1.17% of total loans, at December 31, 2014. The net increase in the allowance primarily reflects a provision of $1.4 million. The carrying amount of total impaired loans at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was $8.9 million and $8.3 million, respectively and the amount of related allowance totaled $37 thousand and $33 thousand, respectively. At June 30, 2015 impaired loans consisted of 1 residential real estate loan, 5 commercial real estate loans, 3 home equity loans, 10 commercial business loans and 2 consumer loans and at December 31, 2014 impaired loans consisted of 8 commercial business loans, 5 commercial real estate loans, 1 residential real estate loan and 1 home equity loan.