

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC

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FORM 10-K

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

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

OR

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

For the Transition Period From _____ to _____

Commission File Number: **0-15734**

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

www.republicbancorp.com

Michigan

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

38-2604669

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1070 East Main Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(989) 725-7337**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, \$5.00 Par Value

(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements

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incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes [X] No []

The aggregate market value of the Registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates, based on the closing price on June 30, 2003 of \$12.18, was \$768.9 million.

Number of shares of Registrant's common stock outstanding as of March 10, 2004: 63,982,414.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

General Description

Republic Bancorp Inc. (the Company) is a bank holding company incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan in 1986. The Company's principal office is located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Republic Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, the Company provides commercial, retail and mortgage banking products and services. Republic Bank is headquartered in Lansing, Michigan. Republic Bank exercises the power of a full-service commercial bank and operates 93 offices and 93 ATMs in 7 market areas in Michigan, the greater Cleveland, Ohio area, and Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition, Republic Bank operates a loan production office in Massachusetts.

Republic Bank has three wholly owned subsidiaries; Quincy Investment Services, Inc., a licensed insurance agency that could provide investment and insurance services, Republic Bank Real Estate Finance, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company and Republic Management Company, Inc., a Michigan corporation, which were formed to hold certain commercial real estate loans. Quincy Investment Services, Inc. is inactive.

In October 2001, the Company formed Republic Capital Trust I, a Delaware business trust, for the purpose of issuing \$50 million of 8.60% Cumulative Trust Preferred Securities (liquidation preference \$25 per preferred security). The preferred securities trade on The NASDAQ Stock Market® under the symbol RBNCP.

The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports are made available free of charge through the Investor Relations section on the Company's website at www.republicbancorp.com as soon as practicable after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Business Segments

The Company engages in three lines of business: Commercial Banking, Retail Banking and Mortgage Banking. See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for financial information concerning the Company's business segments.

Commercial Banking

Republic Bank provides traditional commercial banking products and services to small- and medium-sized businesses in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Products and services offered include commercial and small business loans, other types of installment loans and commercial products and deposit services. Lending activity at Republic Bank is primarily focused on real estate-secured lending (e.g., fixed and variable rate commercial real estate mortgage loans and commercial real estate construction loans) to small- and medium-sized businesses. In addition, emphasis is placed on loans that are government guaranteed or insured, such as SBA loans and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans. Commercial loans are typically secured by the customer's assets, (primarily real estate at a 75% or less loan-to-value ratio) and by personal guarantees. Management believes that the Company's historically low net charge-offs are reflective of its emphasis on real estate-secured lending and adherence to conservative underwriting standards.

Retail Banking

Republic Bank provides traditional retail banking products and services to consumers at 83 offices in Michigan and Ohio. Products and services offered include home equity loans and lines of credit, other types of installment loans, and demand, savings and time deposit accounts. Republic Bank targets consumers interested in receiving personalized banking service. The Company's deposit base consists primarily of retail deposits gathered from within local markets served. At December 31, 2003, retail deposits comprised 83% of total deposits.

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Mortgage Banking

Mortgage banking activities encompass mortgage loan production and in a limited capacity, mortgage loan servicing for others. Mortgage loan production involves the origination and sale of single-family residential mortgage loans and is conducted by Republic Bank. All mortgage loan originations are funded by Republic Bank.

The Company's current operating strategy for the mortgage banking segment is to continue growing mortgage banking revenue and related interest income in its Michigan, Ohio and Indiana markets while managing interest rate and liquidity risks as well as operating costs. Additionally, the Company seeks to capitalize on the opportunity to cross-sell products using a shared customer base between its commercial, mortgage and retail banking business lines.

Mortgage Loan Production

Retail residential mortgage loans are originated by the Company's own sales staff at retail mortgage loan production offices and retail banking offices located in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana and a loan production office located in Massachusetts. Retail loan production offices are responsible for processing loan applications received and preparing loan documentation. Loan applications are then evaluated by utilizing a combination of proprietary automated underwriting systems developed by the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) and the underwriting department for compliance with the Company's underwriting criteria, including loan-to-value ratios, borrower qualifications and required insurance.

The Company originates primarily conventional mortgage loans secured by residential properties which conform to the underwriting guidelines for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and insured through the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) are originated in compliance with their underwriting guidelines permitting conversion of such loans into mortgage-backed securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA).

The Company's residential mortgage origination business during 2003 was funded primarily with Republic Bank's retail deposits and short-term borrowings, including federal funds purchased, short-term reverse repurchase agreements and Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances. The majority of all mortgage loans originated are generally sold within a period of 30 to 60 days after closing. These loans are classified as mortgage loans held for sale. Mortgage loans held for sale consist of loans that will be sold directly to secondary market investors or loans that are being prepared for securitization into mortgage-backed securities; however, the mortgage-backed security has not yet been formed and issued. These mortgage loans are typically sold without recourse by the Company in the event of default by the borrowers. To minimize interest rate risk, the Company obtains mandatory purchase commitments from investors prior to funding the loans.

Consistent with the Company's strategy of managing interest rate risk, the majority of long-term fixed rate mortgages originated are typically securitized and sold, or sold directly to secondary market investors. During 2003, the majority of variable rate mortgages were retained in the loan portfolio of Republic Bank. Such loans may be securitized at a later date and either sold or held as securities available for sale.

Mortgage Loan Servicing for Others

The mortgage loan servicing function involves the administration of loans; collection and remittance of loan payments; receipt of escrow funds for payment of taxes and insurance; counseling of delinquent mortgagors and supervision of foreclosures and property dispositions in the event of unremedied defaults. In 2001, in conjunction with the sale of its Market Street Mortgage Corporation mortgage banking subsidiary, the Company sold its \$1.8 billion mortgage servicing portfolio of loans serviced for others and substantially exited the servicing business.

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Competition

Commercial, retail and mortgage banking are highly competitive businesses in which the Company faces numerous banking and non-banking institutions as competitors. By reason of changes in Federal law and Michigan law, the number and types of potential depository institution competitors have substantially increased. (See Interstate Banking and Branching and Gramm-Leach-Bliley on pages 5 and 6.)

In addition to competition from other banks, the Company continues to face increased competition from other types of financial services organizations. Competition from finance companies and credit unions has increased in the areas of consumer lending and deposit gathering. The Company's mortgage banking business line also faces significant competition from numerous bank and non-bank competitors. Other competitors may have greater resources to use in making acquisitions and higher lending limits than those of Republic Bank or any banking institution that the Company could acquire. Such institutions may also provide certain non-traditional financial products and services to their customers which Republic Bank currently does not offer.

The principal factors of competition in the markets for deposits and loans are price (interest rates paid and/or fees charged) and customer service. Republic Bank competes for deposits by offering depositors a variety of checking and savings accounts, time deposits, convenient office locations, and personalized customer service. The Company competes for loans through the efficiency and quality of the services it provides to borrowers, real estate brokers, and home builders. The Company seeks to compete for loans primarily on the basis of customer service, including prompt underwriting decisions and funding of loans, and by offering a variety of loan programs as well as competitive interest rates.

Employees

As of February 29, 2004, the Company and its subsidiaries had 1,182 full-time equivalent employees. None of the Company's employees are represented by a labor union. The Company considers its relations with its employees to be good.

Principal Sources of Revenue

The principal sources of revenue for the Company are interest income from interest and fees on loans and mortgage banking income. Interest and fees on loans totaled \$247.1 million in 2003, a decrease of 7% from \$266.4 million in 2002 and down 22% from \$316.3 million in 2001. In 2003, interest and fees on loans accounted for 76% of total revenues, compared to 78% of total revenues in 2002 and 2001. Mortgage banking income, the largest component of noninterest income, totaled \$39.0 million in 2003, an increase of 14% from \$34.1 million in 2002 and down 17% from \$46.8 million in 2001. Mortgage loan banking revenue represented 12% of total revenues in 2003, compared to 10% in 2002 and 12% in 2001.

Monetary Policy and Economic Controls

The earnings of Republic Bank, and, therefore, the earnings of the Company, are affected by the policies of regulatory authorities, including the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve Board). An important function of the Federal Reserve Board is to promote orderly economic growth by influencing interest rates and the supply of money and credit. Among the methods that have been used to achieve this objective are open market operations in U.S. government securities, changes in the discount rate on member bank borrowings, and

changes in reserve requirements against bank deposits. These methods are used in varying combinations to influence overall growth and distribution of bank loans, investments and deposits, interest rates on loans and securities, and rates paid for deposits.

The Federal Reserve Board's monetary policies strongly influence the behavior of interest rates and can have a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks and mortgage banking companies. During 2003 and 2002, the Federal Reserve Board maintained interest rates at historically low levels. The effects of the various Federal Reserve Board policies on the future business and earnings of the Company cannot be predicted. Other economic controls also have affected the Company's operations in the past. The Company cannot predict the nature or extent of any effects that possible future governmental controls or legislation may have on its business and earnings.

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Supervision and Regulation

General

Bank holding companies and banks are highly regulated at both the state and federal level. As a bank holding company, the Company is subject to supervision and regulation by the Federal Reserve Board under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the BHC Act). Under the BHC Act, the Company is prohibited from engaging in activities other than those of banking or of managing or controlling banks and from acquiring or retaining direct or indirect ownership or control of voting shares of any company which is not a bank or bank holding company, unless the activities engaged in by the Company or the company whose voting shares are acquired by the Company are activities which the Federal Reserve Board determines to be so closely related to the business of banking as to be a proper incident thereto. Subject to the provisions of Gramm-Leach-Bliley, a bank holding company may elect to become a financial holding company and thereby engage in a broader range of financially oriented products and services (see Gramm-Leach-Bliley on page 6).

Republic Bank is chartered by the State of Michigan and supervised and regulated by the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS). As an insured bank chartered by state regulatory authorities, Republic Bank is also regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC).

The Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from its bank subsidiary. Most of the Company's revenue results from interest earned on deposits maintained at Republic Bank and from management fees and dividends paid to it by Republic Bank. There are statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the payment of dividends by Republic Bank to the Company as well as by the Company to its shareholders.

Under Federal Reserve Board policy, the Company is expected to act as a source of financial and managerial strength to its subsidiaries and to commit resources to support them. This support may be required at times when, in the absence of such Federal Reserve Board policy, the Company would not otherwise be required to provide it.

Interstate Banking and Branching

The Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (the Interstate Act), among other things: (i) permits bank holding companies to acquire control of banks in any state, subject to (a) specified maximum national state deposit concentration limits, (b) any applicable state law provisions requiring the acquired bank to be in existence for a specified period of up to five years, (c) any applicable nondiscriminatory state provisions that make an acquisition of a bank contingent upon a requirement to hold a portion of such bank's assets available for call by a state sponsored housing entity, and (d) applicable anti-trust laws; (ii) authorizes interstate mergers by banks in different states (and retention of interstate branches resulting from such mergers, subject to the provisions noted above in (i) and to any state laws that opt-out of the provision entirely); and (iii) authorizes states to enact legislation permitting interstate de novo branching.

The Michigan Banking Code permits, in appropriate circumstances and with notice to, or the approval of the Commissioner of OFIS: (i) the acquisition of Michigan-chartered banks (such as Republic Bank) by FDIC-insured banks, savings banks or savings and loan associations located in other states; (ii) the sale by a Michigan-chartered bank of one or more of its branches (not comprising all or substantially all of its assets) to an FDIC-insured bank, savings bank or savings and loan association located in a state in which a Michigan-chartered bank could purchase one or more branches of the purchasing entity; (iii) the acquisition by a Michigan-chartered bank of an FDIC-insured bank, savings bank or savings and loan association located in another state; (iv) the acquisition by a Michigan-chartered bank of one or more branches (not comprising all or substantially all of the assets) of an FDIC-insured bank, savings bank or savings and loan association located in another state; (v) the consolidation of one

or more Michigan-chartered banks and FDIC-insured banks, savings banks or savings and loan associations located in other states with the resulting organization chartered either by Michigan or one of such other states; (vi) the establishment by Michigan-chartered banks of branches located in other states, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territories or protectorates; (vii) the establishment of branches in Michigan by FDIC-insured banks located in other states, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territories or protectorates having laws permitting a Michigan-chartered bank to establish a branch in such jurisdiction; and (viii) the establishment by foreign banks of branches located in Michigan.

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Dividends

Michigan law places specific limits on the source and amount of dividends which may be paid by Republic Bank. The payment of dividends by the Company and Republic Bank are also affected by various regulatory requirements and policies, such as the requirement to maintain adequate capital above regulatory guidelines. The prompt corrective action provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA) impose further restrictions on the payment of dividends by insured banks which fail to meet specified capital levels and, in some cases, their parent bank holding companies. FDICIA generally prohibits a depository institution from making any capital distribution (including payment of a dividend) or paying any management fee to its holding company if the depository institution would thereafter be undercapitalized.

The FDIC may prevent an insured bank from paying dividends if the bank is in default of payment of any assessment due to the FDIC. In addition, payment of dividends by a bank may be prevented by the applicable federal regulatory authority if such payment is determined, by reason of the financial condition of such bank, to be an unsafe and unsound banking practice. The Federal Reserve Board has issued a policy statement providing that bank holding companies and insured banks should generally only pay dividends out of current operating earnings.

These regulations and restrictions may limit the Company's ability to obtain funds from its subsidiary for its cash needs, including funds for acquisitions, payment of dividends, and interest and the payment of operating expenses.

USA Patriot Act

Enacted in 2001, the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (the USA Patriot Act) requires each financial institution to implement additional policies and procedures with respect to: money laundering; suspicious activities and currency transaction reporting; and currency crimes. The USA Patriot Act also contains a provision encouraging cooperation among financial institutions, regulatory authorities and law enforcement authorities with respect to individuals, entities and organizations engaged in, or reasonably suspected of engaging in, terrorist acts or money laundering activities.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley

Enacted late in 1999, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Gramm-Leach-Bliley), provides some new consumer protections with respect to privacy issues and ATM usage fees, and broadens the scope of financial services that banks may offer to consumers, essentially removing the barriers erected during the Great Depression that separated banks and securities firms. Gramm-Leach-Bliley permits affiliations between banks, securities firms and insurance companies. A bank holding company may qualify as a financial holding company and thereby offer an expanded range of financial oriented products and services. To qualify as a financial holding company, a bank holding company's subsidiary depository institutions must be well-managed, well-capitalized and have received a satisfactory rating on its latest examination under the Community Reinvestment Act. Gramm-Leach-Bliley provides for some regulatory oversight by the Securities and Exchange Commission for bank holding companies engaged in certain activities, and reaffirms that insurance activities are not to be regulated on the state level. States, however, may not prevent depository institutions and their affiliates from engaging in insurance activities. Commercial enterprises are no longer able to establish or acquire a thrift institution and thereby become a unitary thrift holding company. Thrift institutions may only be established or acquired by financial organizations. Gramm-Leach-Bliley provides new consumer protections with respect to the transfer and use of their nonpublic personal information and generally enables financial institution customers to opt-out of the dissemination of their personal financial information to unaffiliated third parties. ATM operators who charge a fee to non-customers for use of its ATMs must disclose the fee on a sign placed on the ATM and before the transaction is made as part of the on-screen display or by paper notice issued by the machine. The Company currently does not intend to apply for financial bank holding company status.

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FIRREA

Banking statutes, including the Financial Institutions Reform and Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) and FDICIA (described below), have broadened the regulatory powers of the federal bank regulatory agencies. Under FIRREA, a depository institution insured by the FDIC is liable for any loss incurred by, or reasonably expected to be incurred by, the FDIC in connection with (i) the default of a commonly controlled FDIC-insured depository institution, or (ii) any assistance provided by the FDIC to any commonly controlled FDIC-insured depository institution in danger of default. Default is defined generally as the appointment of a conservator or receiver and in danger of default is defined as the existence of certain conditions indicating that a default is likely to occur in the absence of regulatory assistance.

FDICIA

In December 1991, FDICIA was enacted, substantially revising the bank regulatory and funding provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and making revisions to several other federal banking statutes. Among other things, FDICIA requires the federal banking agencies to take prompt corrective action in respect of depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements. FDICIA establishes five capital tiers: well-capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly under capitalized and critically undercapitalized. A depository institution capital tier will depend upon where its capital levels are in relation to various relevant capital measures, including a risk-based capital measure and a leverage ratio capital measure, and certain other factors.

Regulations establishing the specific capital tiers provide that an institution is well capitalized if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10 percent, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 6 percent, a Tier 1 leverage ratio of at least 5 percent, and is not subject to any specific capital order or directive. For an institution to be adequately capitalized it must have a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 8 percent, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 4 percent, and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of at least 4 percent (and in some cases 3 percent). Under these regulations, the Company and Republic Bank are considered to be well capitalized as of December 31, 2003.

FDICIA directed each federal banking agency to prescribe standards for depository institutions and depository institution holding companies relating to internal controls, information systems, internal audit systems, loan documentation, credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth, compensation, asset quality, earnings, stock valuation and other standards as they deem appropriate. The *Interagency Guidelines Establishing Standards for Safety and Soundness* describing such systems and controls were issued jointly by the agencies on August 9, 1995.

FDICIA also contains a variety of other provisions that may affect the operations of depository institutions including new reporting requirements, regulatory standards for real estate lending, truth in savings provisions, the requirement that a depository institution give 90 days prior notice to customers and regulatory authorities before closing any branch and a prohibition on the acceptance or renewal of brokered deposits by depository institutions that are not well capitalized or are adequately capitalized and have not received a waiver from the FDIC. Under regulations relating to the brokered deposit prohibition, Republic Bank is well-capitalized and may accept brokered deposits without restriction.

FDIC Insurance Assessments

Republic Bank is generally subject to FDIC deposit insurance assessments paid to the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF). Republic Bank is also subject to FDIC deposit insurance assessments paid to the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF) with respect to deposits acquired from thrift institutions, including those deposits held by Republic Savings Bank prior to the January 1, 1999 merger of Republic Savings Bank with and into Republic Bank, and those deposits held by D&N Bank prior to the December 1, 2000 merger of D&N Bank with and into Republic Bank. Pursuant to

FDICIA, the FDIC has implemented a risk-based assessment methodology. Under this arrangement, each depository institution is assigned to one of nine categories (based upon three categories of capital adequacy and three categories of perceived risk to the applicable insurance fund). The assessment rate applicable to the Company's bank subsidiary depends in part upon the risk assessment classification assigned to Republic Bank by the FDIC and in part on the BIF and SAIF assessment schedules adopted by the FDIC. FDIC regulations currently provide that premiums related to deposits assessed by the BIF and SAIF are to be assessed at a rate of between 0 cents and 27 cents per \$100 of deposits.

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Under the Deposit Insurance Funds Act of 1996, effective January 1, 1997, Republic Bank is required to pay, in addition to the BIF and SAIF deposit insurance assessments, if any, the Financing Corporation (FICO) assessment to service the interest on FICO bond obligations. FICO assessment rates may be adjusted quarterly to reflect a change in assessment bases for the BIF and SAIF. The current FICO annual assessment rate for BIF and SAIF is 1.54 cents per \$100 of deposits.

Mortgage Banking Activities

The Company's banking subsidiary, Republic Bank, is engaged in the business of originating and selling mortgage loans secured by residential real estate. In the origination of mortgage loans, Republic Bank is subject to state usury and licensing laws and to various federal statutes, such as the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Truth in Lending Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, which prohibit discrimination, specify disclosures to be made to borrowers regarding credit and settlement costs, and regulate the mortgage loan servicing activities of such entities, including the maintenance and operation of escrow accounts and the transfer of mortgage loan servicing.

As a seller of mortgage loans, the Company's banking subsidiary is a participant in the secondary mortgage market with some or all of the following: private investors, Fannie Mae, GNMA, Freddie Mac, VA and FHA. In its dealings with these agencies, Republic Bank is subject to various eligibility requirements prescribed by the agencies, including but not limited to net worth, quality control, bonding, financial reporting and compliance reporting requirements. The mortgage loans that they originate are subject to agency-prescribed procedures, including, without limitation, inspection and appraisal of properties, maximum loan-to-value ratios, and obtaining credit reports on prospective borrowers. On some types of loans, the agencies prescribe maximum loan amounts, interest rates and fees. When selling mortgage loans to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, GNMA, VA, FHA and private investors, Republic Bank represents and warrants that all such mortgage loans sold by them conform to their requirements. If the mortgage loans sold are found to be non-conforming mortgage loans, such agency may require Republic Bank to repurchase the non-conforming mortgage loans. Additionally, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, GNMA, VA, FHA and private investors may require Republic Bank to indemnify them against all losses arising from their failure to perform their contractual obligations under the applicable selling contract. Certain provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, and regulations adopted thereunder may affect the operations and programs of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Regulation of Proposed Acquisitions

In general, any direct or indirect acquisition by the Company of any voting shares of any bank which would result in the Company's direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of any class of voting shares of such bank, and any merger or consolidation of the Company with another bank holding company, requires the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Board under the BHC Act. In acting on such applications, the Federal Reserve Board considers various statutory factors, including among others, the effect of the proposed transaction on competition in relevant geographic and product markets, and each party's financial condition, managerial resources, and record of performance under the Community Reinvestment Act.

The merger or consolidation of an existing bank subsidiary of the Company with another bank, or the acquisition by such a subsidiary of assets of another bank, or the assumption of liability by such a subsidiary to pay any deposits in another bank, will require the prior written approval of the responsible Federal depository institution regulatory agency under the Bank Merger Act, based upon a consideration of statutory factors similar to those outlined above with respect to the BHC Act. In addition, an application to, and the prior approval of, the Federal Reserve Board may be required under the BHC Act, in certain such cases.

Each of the foregoing types of applications is subject to public notice and comment procedures, and, in many cases, to prior notice and/or approval of Federal and State bank regulatory authorities. Adverse public comments received, or adverse considerations raised by the regulatory agencies, may delay or prevent consummation of the proposed transaction.

Community Reinvestment Act

Under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, as amended (the "CRA"), a financial institution is required to help meet the credit needs of its entire community, including low-income and moderate-income areas. Republic Bank's CRA rating is determined by evaluation of its lending, service and investment performance. The Federal banking agencies may take CRA compliance into account in an agency's review of applications for mergers, acquisitions, and to establish branches or facilities.

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Forward-Looking Statements

From time to time, we may communicate or publish forward-looking statements relating to such matters as possible or assumed future results of our operations, anticipated financial performance, business prospects, new products, and similar matters. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Also, when we use any of the words appropriate, believes, considers, expects, plans, anticipates, estimates, seeks, intends, forecast, target, project, assume, achievable, potential, strategy, goal, trends and variations of such words or expressions we are making forward-looking statements. Our disclosures on pages 30-32 appearing under *Market Risk Management* contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

We claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for all of our forward-looking statements. We believe that our forward-looking statements are reasonable. You should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. You should understand that the following important factors, in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, or in our filings with the SEC (which are accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and on our website at www.republicbancorp.com), or in our press releases, and in our public documents to which we refer, could affect our future results and performance. This could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a difference include the following:

significantly increased competition from banking and non-banking institutions;

inflation and changes in the interest rate environment that reduce our margins or reduce the fair value of financial instruments;

general political, industry and economic conditions, either domestically or internationally, that are different than expected;

adverse developments concerning credit quality in our business segments that may result in increases in our provision for loan losses, nonperforming assets, net charge-offs and reserve for credit losses;

adverse changes in the securities markets;

legislative or regulatory changes that adversely affect our business;

the ability to enter new markets successfully and capitalize on growth opportunities;

effects of and changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Federal Reserve Board;

timely development of and acceptance of new products and services;

changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits;

effect of changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the bank regulatory agencies, the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other regulatory agencies;

changes in our organization, compensation and benefit plans;

costs and effects of new litigation or changes in existing litigation and unexpected or adverse outcomes in such litigation; and

our success in managing risks involved in the foregoing.

The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company's executive offices are located at 1070 East Main Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867. At December 31, 2003, the Company had 93 commercial, retail, and mortgage banking offices in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, of which 40 were owned and 53 were leased. Additionally, the Company has a loan production office in Massachusetts, which is leased. All of these offices are considered by management to be well maintained and adequate for the purpose intended. See Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 of this document for further information on properties.

Table of Contents**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Company and its subsidiary are parties to litigation and claims arising in the normal course of their activities. Although the amount of ultimate liability, if any, with respect to such matters cannot be determined with reasonable certainty, management, after consultation with legal counsel, believes that the aggregate liability, if any, resulting from such matters would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition. See also Note 20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this document.

D&N Bank, a Federal Savings Bank acquired by the Company in May 1999 and merged into Republic Bank in December 2000, was a plaintiff, along with approximately 120 other institutions, in a claim and an appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit seeking substantial damages as a result of the 1989 Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act's mandatory phase-out of the regulatory capital treatment of supervisory goodwill. On July 25, 2003, Republic Bank as successor in interest to D&N Bank, filed a Petition for Rehearing En Banc of Plaintiff-Appellant D&N Bank, FSB, from the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Panel Decision of June 17, 2003 which affirmed summary judgment in favor of government in the matter of D&N Bank v. United States of America. The United States Court of Appeals denied Republic Bank's request for rehearing En Banc, and accordingly no further action will be taken in this matter by Republic Bank.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2003.

PART II**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON STOCK AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS****Quarterly Dividends and Market Price Summary**

| | Dividends Declared Per Share⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock Price Range ⁽¹⁾ | |
|----------------|---|--|------------|
| | | High | Low |
| 2003 | | | |
| Fourth quarter | \$0.095 | \$14.150 | \$12.064 |
| Third quarter | 0.087 | 12.955 | 11.273 |
| Second quarter | 0.077 | 12.464 | 10.409 |
| First quarter | 0.077 | 11.609 | 10.382 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| Year | \$0.336 | \$14.150 | \$10.382 |
| | <hr/> | | |

2002

| | | | |
|----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Fourth quarter | \$0.077 | \$11.855 | \$ 9.281 |
| Third quarter | 0.071 | 12.374 | 9.314 |
| Second quarter | 0.070 | 12.726 | 11.017 |
| First quarter | 0.070 | 11.876 | 9.603 |

| | | | |
|------|---------|----------|----------|
| Year | \$0.288 | \$12.726 | \$ 9.281 |
|------|---------|----------|----------|

⁽¹⁾ Dividends and market price data have been restated to reflect the issuance of stock dividends.

The Company's common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market® under the symbol **RBNC**. There were approximately 23,500 shareholders of record of the Company's common stock as of March 10, 2004. See also the response to Item 12 of this report.

Table of Contents**ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

| Year Ended December 31 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Earnings Summary (in thousands) | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$265,680 | \$284,704 | \$333,376 | \$348,328 | \$299,662 |
| Interest expense | 123,183 | 142,852 | 193,422 | 216,403 | 174,119 |
| Net interest income | 142,497 | 141,852 | 139,954 | 131,925 | 125,543 |
| Provision for loan losses | 12,000 | 16,000 | 8,700 | 6,500 | 11,650 |
| Mortgage banking revenue | 38,976 | 34,132 | 46,808 | 55,720 | 80,368 |
| Other noninterest income | 21,803 | 21,895 | 24,576 | 15,118 | 12,315 |
| Noninterest expense | 104,654 | 100,515 | 132,213 | 127,641 | 180,920 |
| Net income | 60,726 | 56,677 | 47,910 | 45,677 | 14,911 |
| Per Common Share⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
| Basic earnings | \$.96 | \$.89 | \$.73 | \$.69 | \$.23 |
| Diluted earnings | .95 | .87 | .72 | .69 | .22 |
| Cash dividends declared | .34 | .29 | .26 | .24 | .23 |
| Book value (year-end) | 5.82 | 5.27 | 4.74 | 4.48 | 4.02 |
| Closing price of common stock (year-end) | 13.49 | 10.70 | 11.45 | 8.12 | 8.29 |
| Dividend payout ratio (operating) | 35% | 33% | 34% | 35% | 33% |
| Operating Data (in millions) | | | | | |
| Loan closings: | | | | | |
| Residential mortgage loans | \$ 4,041 | \$ 3,928 | \$ 5,340 | \$ 3,852 | \$ 5,200 |
| Commercial loans | 442 | 493 | 490 | 531 | 462 |
| SBA loans | 47 | 42 | 34 | 32 | 44 |
| Direct consumer loans | 508 | 486 | 438 | 359 | 291 |
| Indirect consumer loans | | | | 65 | 191 |
| Mortgage loan servicing portfolio (year-end) | 232 | 307 | 189 | 2,229 | 3,089 |
| Year-End Balances (in millions) | | | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 5,354 | \$ 4,778 | \$ 4,741 | \$ 4,611 | \$ 4,302 |
| Total earning assets | 5,137 | 4,567 | 4,573 | 4,375 | 4,052 |
| Mortgage loans held for sale | 135 | 661 | 748 | 385 | 459 |
| Total portfolio loans | 4,158 | 3,657 | 3,458 | 3,772 | 3,373 |
| Total deposits | 2,815 | 2,788 | 2,753 | 2,729 | 2,613 |
| Total short-term borrowings, reverse repurchase agreements and FHLB advances | 2,058 | 1,517 | 1,477 | 1,385 | 1,229 |
| Long-term debt | 50 | 64 | 92 | 76 | 76 |
| Shareholders equity | 369 | 333 | 305 | 295 | 266 |

Ratios

| | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Return on average assets | 1.23% | 1.24% | 1.04% | 1.02% | .36% |
| Return on average equity | 17.33 | 17.52 | 15.76 | 16.28 | 5.64 |
| Net interest margin ⁽²⁾ | 3.07 | 3.31 | 3.24 | 3.08 | 3.21 |
| Net loan charge-offs to average total loans ⁽³⁾ | .18 | .23 | .19 | .13 | .17 |
| Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of year-end portfolio loans | .97 | .99 | .84 | .75 | .80 |
| Non-performing assets as a percentage of year-end total assets | .79 | .89 | .66 | .56 | .52 |
| Efficiency ratio ⁽⁴⁾ | 52.04 | 52.35 | 62.98 | 62.99 | 80.21 |
| Net interest income to operating expenses | 136.16 | 141.13 | 105.85 | 103.36 | 69.39 |
| Average shareholders' equity to average assets | 7.09 | 7.10 | 6.63 | 6.26 | 6.46 |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital | 11.72 | 11.18 | 11.43 | 9.50 | 9.67 |
| Total risk-based capital | 12.85 | 12.26 | 12.31 | 10.38 | 10.60 |
| Tier 1 leverage | 8.04 | 7.81 | 8.34 | 6.82 | 6.59 |

⁽¹⁾ All per share amounts presented have been adjusted to reflect the issuance of stock dividends or stock splits effected in the form of stock dividends.

⁽²⁾ Net interest income (FTE) expressed as a percentage of average interest-earnings assets.

⁽³⁾ Includes mortgage loans held for sale.

⁽⁴⁾ Total noninterest expense divided by total revenue, excluding gains or losses on sale of securities.

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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

The Company's 2003 results of operations reflected the following trends in earnings:

Net interest income increased \$645,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003 compared to 2002, primarily due to an increase in interest earning assets offset by a decrease in net interest margin.

Net interest margin was 3.07% in 2003 compared to 3.31% in 2002. The decrease in the net interest margin during 2003 was due to the Company's yield on interest-earning assets declining during the year more than the decrease in the cost of funds on interest-bearing liabilities.

The commercial loan portfolio balance grew \$52 million, or 4% over 2002 to \$1.52 billion after increasing 8% in 2002, reflecting lower loan closings in 2003 compared to 2002.

The residential loan portfolio grew \$421 million, or 26% over 2002 to \$2.01 billion after increasing 5% in 2002, as the Company's retention of fixed and variable-rate portfolio single-family residential mortgages more than offset significant pay-offs of loans resulting from the strong refinance activity during 2003.

The direct consumer loan portfolio grew \$52 million, or 9% over 2002 to \$608 million after increasing 12% in 2002, reflecting continued success of specifically targeted sales and marketing efforts in home equity lending.

Mortgage banking income increased 14% during 2003 following a decrease of 27% in 2002. Strong mortgage production, higher funding levels of loans sold into the secondary market, and improved margins on the sale of residential loans were the primary drivers of the increase.

Shareholders' equity totaled \$369.4 million at December 31, 2003. Market capitalization, which is computed by multiplying the number of shares outstanding (63.5 million) by the closing price of the Company's common stock at year-end (\$13.49), was \$857.0 million at December 31, 2003. Capital ratios remain in excess of regulatory requirements for a well-capitalized financial institution.

Business Segments

The Company's operations are managed as three major business segments: (1) commercial banking (2) retail banking, and (3) mortgage banking. The commercial banking segment consists of commercial lending to small- and medium-sized companies, primarily in the form of commercial real estate and Small Business Administration (SBA) loans. The retail banking segment consists of home equity lending, other consumer lending and the deposit-gathering function. Deposits and loan products are offered through 83 retail branch offices of Republic Bank, which are staffed by branch management, personal bankers and loan originators. The mortgage banking segment is comprised of mortgage loan production and mortgage loan servicing for others. As discussed earlier, the Company sold Market Street Mortgage in the second quarter of 2001 and in conjunction with the sale of Market Street, the Company substantially exited the mortgage servicing business. Mortgage loan production is conducted in all offices of Republic Bank. See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information concerning the Company's business segments.

Commercial and Retail Banking

The remaining disclosures and analyses within this Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operations relate principally to the commercial and retail banking segments. The

results of operations of the mortgage banking segment are described in Mortgage Banking Income on page 16.

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Results of Operations

Net Interest Income

Net interest income is defined as the difference between total interest income generated by earning assets and the cost of funding those assets. To permit the comparable analysis of tax-exempt and fully taxable income, net interest income is stated on a fully taxable equivalent (FTE) basis, reflecting adjustments based on a 35% tax rate made to the yields of tax-exempt investment securities included in earning assets. The net interest margin is net interest income (FTE) expressed as a percentage of average earning assets and measures how effectively the Company utilizes its earning assets in relationship to the interest cost of funding them. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with Table 1 and Table 2 on pages 14 and 15, which identify and quantify the components impacting net interest income for the years ending December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

Net interest income (FTE) totaled \$145.7 million and \$145.8 million in 2003 and 2002, respectively, as the increase in average earning assets was offset by a decrease in the Company's net interest margin. Average earning assets increased \$343.6 million, or 8%, to \$4.7 billion in 2003, as the increase in average portfolio loans and total investment securities more than offset a reduction in average mortgage loans held for sale. Net interest margin decreased by 24 basis points to 3.07% in 2003 compared to 3.31% in 2002. The decrease in the margin was due to the Company's cost of funds decreasing less than the yields on average earning assets during 2003.

In 2002, net interest margin increased 7 basis points to 3.31%, compared to 3.24% in 2001. The increase in the margin was due to the Company's cost of funds decreasing more than the yields on average earning assets during 2002.

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Table 1
Analysis of Net Interest Income (FTE)

| Year Ended December 31 (Dollar amounts in thousands) | 2003 | | | 2002 | | | 2001 | | |
|---|--------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|
| | Average Balance | Interest | Avg. Rate | Average Balance | Interest | Avg. Rate | Average Balance | Interest | Avg. Rate |
| Average Assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| Short-term investments | \$ 322 | \$ 2 | 0.68% | \$ 1,818 | \$ 37 | 2.03% | \$ 2,448 | \$ 102 | 4.17% |
| Mortgage loans held for sale | 359,486 | 20,339 | 5.66 | 429,381 | 27,677 | 6.45 | 520,565 | 37,900 | 7.28 |
| Securities available for sale | 339,593 | 16,630 | 4.90 | 295,610 | 17,420 | 5.89 | 214,941 | 14,373 | 6.69 |
| Securities held to maturity | 24,574 | 1,140 | 4.64 | | | | | | |
| Portfolio loans: ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial loans | 1,478,397 | 88,878 | 5.93 | 1,432,793 | 98,594 | 6.79 | 1,258,535 | 103,671 | 8.12 |
| Real estate mortgage loans | 1,864,960 | 103,118 | 5.53 | 1,565,739 | 99,400 | 6.35 | 1,730,386 | 122,350 | 7.07 |
| Installment loans | 592,342 | 34,790 | 5.87 | 591,417 | 40,761 | 6.89 | 611,619 | 52,371 | 8.56 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total loans, net of unearned income | 3,935,699 | 226,786 | 5.73 | 3,589,949 | 238,755 | 6.61 | 3,600,540 | 278,392 | 7.69 |
| FHLB stock (at cost) | 79,700 | 3,978 | 4.99 | 79,005 | 4,778 | 6.05 | 78,144 | 5,798 | 7.42 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total interest-earning assets | 4,739,374 | 268,875 | 5.65 | 4,395,763 | 288,667 | 6.54 | 4,416,638 | 336,565 | 7.59 |
| Allowance for loan losses | (38,352) | | | (31,065) | | | (28,970) | | |
| Cash and due from banks | 63,898 | | | 60,885 | | | 66,371 | | |
| Other assets | 174,035 | | | 133,285 | | | 132,397 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total assets | \$4,938,955 | | | \$4,558,868 | | | \$4,586,436 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Average Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity: | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing demand deposits | \$ 181,947 | 599 | 0.33 | \$ 163,191 | 1,019 | 0.62 | \$ 147,694 | 1,967 | 1.33 |
| Savings deposits | 995,637 | 13,648 | 1.37 | 863,424 | 15,358 | 1.78 | 724,655 | 22,251 | 3.07 |
| Time deposits | 1,381,271 | 42,058 | 3.04 | 1,469,788 | 58,795 | 4.00 | 1,604,469 | 90,386 | 5.63 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total interest bearing deposits | 2,558,855 | 56,305 | 2.20 | 2,496,403 | 75,172 | 3.01 | 2,476,818 | 114,604 | 4.63 |
| Short-term borrowings | 603,847 | 7,689 | 1.26 | 450,943 | 10,022 | 2.19 | 627,607 | 27,662 | 4.41 |
| Long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | 1,063,695 | 54,850 | 5.16 | 928,228 | 50,865 | 5.40 | 792,660 | 46,050 | 5.73 |
| Long-term debt | 50,563 | 4,339 | 8.58 | 79,356 | 6,793 | 8.56 | 59,677 | 5,106 | 8.56 |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| Total interest bearing liabilities | 4,276,960 | 123,183 | 2.86 | 3,954,930 | 142,852 | 3.59 | 3,956,762 | 193,422 | 4.89 |
| Noninterest-bearing deposits | 269,436 | | | 240,902 | | | 262,493 | | |
| Other liabilities | 42,236 | | | 39,476 | | | 63,104 | | |
| | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | |
| Total liabilities | 4,588,632 | | | 4,235,308 | | | 4,282,359 | | |
| Shareholders' equity | 350,323 | | | 323,560 | | | 304,077 | | |
| | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | \$4,938,955 | | | \$4,558,868 | | | \$4,586,436 | | |
| | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | |
| Net interest income/ Rate spread (FTE) | | \$145,692 | 2.79% | | \$145,815 | 2.95% | | \$143,143 | 2.70% |
| | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | |
| FTE adjustment | | \$ 3,195 | | | \$ 3,963 | | | \$ 3,189 | |
| | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | |
| Impact of noninterest- bearing sources of funds | | | .28 | | | .36 | | | .54 |
| | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> |
| Net interest margin (FTE) | | | 3.07% | | | 3.31% | | | 3.24% |
| | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> | | | <u></u> |

(1) Non-accrual loans and overdrafts are included in average balances.

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Table 2
Rate/Volume Analysis (FTE)

| (In thousands) | 2003/2002 | | | 2002/2001 | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | Increase/(Decrease) Due to Change in: | | | Increase/(Decrease) Due to Change in: | | |
| | Average Balance ⁽¹⁾ | Average Rate ⁽¹⁾ | Net Change | Average Balance ⁽¹⁾ | Average Rate ⁽¹⁾ | Net Change |
| Interest Income: | | | | | | |
| Short-term investments | \$ (19) | \$ (16) | \$ (35) | \$ (22) | \$ (43) | \$ (65) |
| Mortgage loans held for sale | (4,187) | (3,151) | (7,338) | (6,192) | (4,031) | (10,223) |
| Securities available for sale | 2,378 | (3,168) | (790) | 4,919 | (1,872) | 3,047 |
| Securities held to maturity | 1,140 | | 1,140 | | | |
| Loans, net of unearned income ⁽²⁾ | 20,606 | (32,575) | (11,969) | 243 | (39,880) | (39,637) |
| FHLB stock (at cost) | 42 | (842) | (800) | 63 | (1,083) | (1,020) |
| Total interest income | 19,960 | (39,752) | (19,792) | (989) | (46,909) | (47,898) |
| Interest Expense: | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing demand deposits | 104 | (524) | (420) | 189 | (1,137) | (948) |
| Savings deposits | 2,144 | (3,855) | (1,711) | 3,695 | (10,587) | (6,892) |
| Time deposits | (3,357) | (13,379) | (16,736) | (7,101) | (24,491) | (31,592) |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | (1,109) | (17,758) | (18,867) | (3,217) | (36,215) | (39,432) |
| Short-term borrowings | 830 | (3,163) | (2,333) | (7,351) | (10,289) | (17,640) |
| Long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | 6,470 | (2,485) | 3,985 | 7,516 | (2,701) | 4,815 |
| Long-term debt | (2,470) | 16 | (2,454) | 1,687 | | 1,687 |
| Total interest expense | 3,721 | (23,390) | (19,669) | (1,365) | (49,205) | (50,570) |
| Net interest income (FTE) | \$16,239 | \$(16,362) | \$ (123) | \$ 376 | \$ 2,296 | \$ 2,672 |

- (1) Variances attributable jointly to volume and rate changes are allocated to volume and rate in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amount of the change in each.
- (2) Non-accrual loans and overdrafts are included in average balances.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income is a significant source of revenue for the Company, contributing 19% of total revenues in 2003, compared to 16% in 2002 and 15% in 2001 (excluding the gain of sale of subsidiary). Details of the largest component of noninterest income are presented in the Mortgage Banking Income section on page 16. Exclusive of mortgage banking revenue, noninterest income was \$21.8 million and \$21.9 million in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Service charges collected on customer accounts increased to \$11.1 million, or 21% during 2003 after increasing 19% during 2002. The increases were primarily due to a higher level of collection of fees for overdraft protection and ancillary fees.

During 2003, the Company sold \$68.3 million of investment securities available for sale resulting in a net gain of \$2.2 million. During 2002, the Company sold \$317.6 million of investment securities for a net gain of \$5.9 million. During 2001, the Company sold \$175.3 million of investment securities for a net gain of \$1.4 million.

During 2002, the Company purchased \$85 million of separate account bank owned life insurance. During 2003, the Company added \$16.5 million to the Non-Modified Endowment Contract policy portion of the bank owned life insurance. The increase in the cash surrender value of these insurance contracts resulted in income of \$5.5 million and \$2.2 million in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The guaranteed portion of SBA loans are regularly sold to investors. In 2003, the Company sold \$3.5 million of the guaranteed portion of SBA loans, compared to \$23.8 million in 2002 and \$18.4 million in 2001, resulting in gains of \$322,000, \$1,447,000 and \$882,000, respectively, which are included in other noninterest income.

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Table 3
Noninterest Income

| Year Ended December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mortgage banking income | \$38,976 | \$34,132 | \$46,808 |
| Service charges | 11,097 | 9,206 | 7,720 |
| Gains on sale of securities | 2,190 | 5,859 | 1,425 |
| Income from banked owned life insurance | 5,519 | 2,192 | |
| Other noninterest income | 2,997 | 4,638 | 3,431 |
| Gain on sale of subsidiary | | | 12,000 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total noninterest income | \$60,779 | \$56,027 | \$71,384 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Mortgage Banking Income

The Company's total closings of single-family mortgage loans increased \$113 million, or 3% to \$4.0 billion in 2003. The increase in origination volume was primarily due to a decrease in interest rates, which resulted in a higher level of refinance activity. Refinances totaled \$2.7 billion, or 66% of total closings in 2003, compared to \$2.5 billion, or 63% of total closings in 2002. In 2002, total mortgage loan closings decreased 26% to \$3.9 billion compared to \$5.3 billion in 2001. The decrease in origination volume in 2002 was primarily the result of the sale of Market Street Mortgage. Excluding Market Street Mortgage, origination volume decreased \$219 million, or 5% in 2002 compared to 2001. The Company's pipeline of mortgage loan applications in process was \$312 million at December 31, 2003, compared to \$545 million at December 31, 2002.

Table 4
Residential Mortgage Loan Closings

| Year Ended December 31 (Dollars in thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Republic Bank | \$4,041,243 | \$3,928,064 | \$4,146,685 |
| Market Street Mortgage | | | 1,193,476 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total closings | \$4,041,243 | \$3,928,064 | \$5,340,161 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Mortgage banking income, the largest component of total noninterest income, increased \$4.8 million, or 14%, to \$39.0 million in 2003. The increase was primarily due to higher funding levels of loans sold into the secondary market and improved margins. Mortgage loans held for sale fundings were \$3.1 billion during 2003 compared to \$2.7 billion

during 2002. For the year ended December 31, 2002, mortgage banking income decreased \$12.7 million, or 27% from 2001, to \$34.1 million. The decrease was primarily due to lower funding levels of loans sold to the secondary market. Mortgage loans held for sale fundings were \$2.7 billion during 2002 compared to \$4.1 billion during 2001. The ratio of mortgage loans production income to mortgage loans held for sale fundings was 2.11% in 2003, compared to 2.00% and 2.03% in 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Mortgage banking income includes fee revenue derived from the loan origination process (e.g., points collected), gains on the sale of mortgage loans and the related mortgage servicing rights released concurrently with underlying loans sold (mortgage loan production revenue), net of commissions, incentives and deferred mortgage loan origination costs and fees for mortgage loans held for sale and residential real estate loans as accounted for under FASB Statement No. 91, *Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Originating or Acquiring Loans and Initial Direct Costs of Leases* (SFAS 91). Mortgage loan production income totaled \$65.0 million, \$54.7 million and \$84.9 million for 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively. Commissions and incentives paid were \$38.4 million, \$35.9 million, and \$51.2 million for 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. For 2003, 2002 and 2001, the SFAS 91 credit totaled \$9.2 million, \$10.4 million and \$11.8 million, respectively.

Mortgage banking income also included gains on sale of residential real estate loans totaling \$3.2 million, \$5.0 million and \$1.3 million for 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Residential real estate loan sales totaled \$134.2 million, \$232.4 million and \$163.6 million for 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Table of Contents**Noninterest Expense**

Total noninterest expense increased 4% in 2003 to \$104.7 million, after decreasing 24% in 2002. Excluding the \$19.0 million in restructuring costs incurred in connection with the Company's exiting the mortgage servicing business in 2001, noninterest expense would have decreased \$12.7 million, or 11%, in 2002. Salaries and employee benefits expense increased \$1.3 million, or 2%, in 2003, following a decrease of \$5.2 million, or 8%, in 2002. The increase in salaries and employee benefits expense in 2003 reflects increases in sales incentives to commercial and retail banking personnel and an increase in benefit costs during the year. The decrease in salaries and employee benefits expense in 2002 reflects the decrease in the average number of hourly and salaried employees, primarily due to the sale of Market Street Mortgage in 2001.

Occupancy expense increased 4% in 2003 after decreasing 13% in 2002, and equipment expense decreased 2% in 2003 and 12% in 2002. The decreases in 2002 were primarily due to the sale of Market Street Mortgage in June 2001. Other noninterest expense increased 11% in 2003 after decreasing 17% in 2002. The increase in 2003 primarily reflects increases in state tax accruals, recruiting fees and other miscellaneous expenses. The decrease in 2002 was due to the sale of Market Street Mortgage.

Table 5
Noninterest Expense

| Year Ended December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$ 60,454 | \$ 59,134 | \$ 64,377 |
| Occupancy expense of premises | 10,296 | 9,926 | 11,427 |
| Equipment expense | 6,768 | 6,903 | 7,847 |
| Other noninterest expense | 27,136 | 24,552 | 29,562 |
| Restructuring costs to exit the mortgage servicing business | | | 19,000 |
| | | | |
| Total noninterest expense | \$104,654 | \$100,515 | \$132,213 |

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes was \$25.9 million in 2003, compared to \$24.7 million in 2002 and \$22.5 million in 2001. The effective tax rate, computed by dividing the provision for income taxes by income before taxes, was 29.9% for 2003, compared to 30.3% for 2002 and 32.0% for 2001. The effective tax rate in 2003 decreased primarily as a result of an increase in the tax-exempt income from bank owned life insurance. The decrease in the effective tax rate in 2002 was primarily a result of an increase in interest income from tax-exempt securities and an increase in tax-exempt income from bank owned life insurance.

Financial Condition

Total assets were \$5.4 billion at December 31, 2003 and \$4.8 billion at December 31, 2002. The increase in total assets reflects the growth in total portfolio loans, securities available for sale and securities held to maturity, which were funded primarily by increases in core deposits, short and long-term borrowings and a decrease in mortgage loans

held for sale.

Assets

Investment Securities

The Company's investment securities portfolio serves as a secondary source of earnings and contributes to the management of interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The Company's securities portfolio is comprised principally of U.S. Treasury and Government agency securities, municipal securities, collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities. At December 31, 2003, fixed rate investment securities within the portfolio, excluding municipal securities, totaled \$404.0 million compared to \$144.1 million at December 31, 2002. At December 31, 2003, \$306.7 million of these fixed rate investment securities were collateralized with 5/1, 7/1 and 10/1 hybrid adjustable rate mortgage loans compared to \$20.8 million at December 31, 2002. These hybrid adjustable rate securities provide for an interest rate reset cap of 2% to 5% at the first reset date.

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Investment securities available for sale totaled \$607.5 million at December 31, 2003, a \$437.0 million increase from \$170.5 million at December 31, 2002. Investment securities available for sale totaled \$285.6 million at December 31, 2001. The increase from 2002 primarily reflects purchases of 5/1 and 7/1 hybrid adjustable rate collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities, which offset the decline in mortgage loans held for sale. The investment securities available for sale portfolio constituted 11.3% of the Company's assets at December 31, 2003, compared to 3.6% a year earlier.

During the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company purchased \$157.6 million of securities classified as held to maturity. The investment securities held to maturity portfolio consists of collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities collateralized with 7/1 and 10/1 hybrid adjustable rate mortgage loans and constituted 2.9% of the Company's assets at December 31, 2003.

The following table summarizes the composition of the Company's investment securities portfolio at December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

Table 6
Investment Securities

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Securities Available For Sale (Estimated Fair Value): | | | |
| U.S. Treasury and Government agency securities | \$238,718 | \$ 43,684 | \$ 8,396 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | 88,958 | 46,160 | 49,329 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 77,125 | 6,242 | 1,952 |
| Municipal and other securities | 202,649 | 74,370 | 225,876 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total securities available for sale | \$607,450 | \$170,456 | \$285,553 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Securities Held To Maturity (At Cost): | | | |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | \$133,882 | \$ | \$ |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 22,673 | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total securities held to maturity | \$156,555 | \$ | \$ |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

The maturity distribution of and average yield information for the investment securities portfolio as of December 31, 2003 is provided in the following table.

Table 7
Maturity Distribution of Investment Securities Portfolio

| | Due Within One Year | | One to Five Years | | Five to Ten Years | | After Ten Years | | Total | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| December 31, 2003 (Dollars in thousands) | Estimated Market Value | Avg. Yield | Estimated Market Value | Avg. Yield | Estimated Market Value | Avg. Yield | Estimated Market Value | Avg. Yield | Estimated Market Value | Avg. Yield |
| Securities Available For Sale: | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury and Government agency securities | \$ | | 0 | | 64,051 | 4.78% | 174,667 | 3.28% | 238,718 | 3.68% |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations ^{(2) (3)} | | | 88,958 | 3.84 | | | | | 88,958 | 3.84 |
| Mortgage-backed securities ^{(2) (3)} | | | 77,125 | 4.12 | | | | | 77,125 | 4.12 |
| Municipal and other securities ⁽¹⁾ | 11 | 3.66 | 12 | 8.48 | 15,014 | 5.20 | 187,612 | 6.08 | 202,649 | 6.02 |
| Total securities available for sale | \$ 11 | 3.66% | \$ 166,095 | 3.97% | \$ 79,065 | 4.86% | \$ 362,279 | 4.73% | \$ 607,450 | 4.54% |
| Securities Held To Maturity: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations ^{(2) (3)} | \$ | | 129,316 | 4.73% | 4,977 | 5.23% | \$ | | 134,293 | 4.75% |
| Mortgage-backed securities ^{(2) (3)} | | | 22,774 | 4.22 | | | | | 22,774 | 4.22 |
| Total securities held to maturity | \$ | | \$ 152,090 | 4.65% | \$ 4,977 | 5.23% | \$ | | \$ 157,067 | 4.68% |

(1) Average yields on tax-exempt obligations have been computed on a tax equivalent basis, based on a 35% federal tax rate.

(2) Collateral guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies or private label securities rated AAA by a major rating agency.

(3) Maturity distributions for collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities are based on estimated average lives. The average yield presented represents the current yield on these securities calculated using amortized cost.

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Portfolio Loans

The Company's loan portfolio is comprised of domestic loans to businesses and consumers. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, there were no loans to foreign debtors outstanding and the amount of agribusiness loans outstanding was insignificant. Loans to businesses are classified as commercial loans and are further segregated as commercial and industrial loans and commercial real estate loans. Commercial and industrial loans are made to local small- and medium-sized corporations primarily to finance working capital and equipment purchases.

Commercial real estate loans represent loans secured by real estate and consist of real estate construction loans and commercial real estate mortgage loans. Real estate construction loans are made to builders or developers of real estate properties and are typically refinanced at completion, becoming either income-producing or owner-occupied properties. Commercial real estate mortgage loans are secured by owner-occupied or income-producing properties. For owner-occupied property loans, the primary source of repayment is the cash flow of the owner with the real estate serving as a secondary repayment source. Income-producing property loans are made to entities or individuals engaged in real estate investment, and the primary source of repayment is derived from the rental or sale of the property.

Loans to consumers include residential real estate mortgage loans and installment loans. Installment loans are made for various purposes, primarily home equity loans.

Table 8
Loan Portfolio Analysis

| | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | | 2000 | | 1999 | |
|---|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| December 31 (dollars in thousands) | Amount | % | Amount | % | Amount | % | Amount | % | Amount | % |
| Commercial loans: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$ 38,319 | 0.9% | \$ 48,509 | 1.3% | \$ 68,428 | 2.0% | \$ 79,544 | 2.1% | \$ 88,370 | 2.6% |
| Real estate construction | 247,393 | 6.0 | 250,546 | 6.9 | 250,040 | 7.2 | 211,754 | 5.6 | 149,480 | 4.4% |
| Commercial real estate mortgages | 1,235,421 | 29.7 | 1,170,212 | 32.0 | 1,044,594 | 30.2 | 840,994 | 22.3 | 650,642 | 19.3% |
| Total commercial loans | 1,521,133 | 36.6 | 1,469,267 | 40.2 | 1,363,062 | 39.4 | 1,132,292 | 30.0 | 888,492 | 26.3% |
| Residential real estate mortgages | 2,014,809 | 48.5 | 1,593,929 | 43.6 | 1,511,831 | 43.7 | 1,964,394 | 52.1 | 1,773,795 | 52.6% |
| Installment loans: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer direct | 608,190 | 14.6 | 556,507 | 15.2 | 496,972 | 14.4 | 459,359 | 12.2 | 368,095 | 10.9% |
| Consumer indirect | 13,382 | 0.3 | 36,840 | 1.0 | 86,516 | 2.5 | 215,631 | 5.7 | 343,043 | 10.2% |
| Total installment loans | 621,572 | 14.9 | 593,347 | 16.2 | 583,488 | 16.9 | 674,990 | 17.9 | 711,138 | 21.1% |
| Total portfolio loans | \$4,157,514 | 100.0% | \$3,656,543 | 100.0% | \$3,458,381 | 100.0% | \$3,771,676 | 100.0% | \$3,373,425 | 100.0% |

The total portfolio loans balance increased \$501.0 million, or 14%, to \$4.2 billion at December 31, 2003, after increasing 6% in 2002. Commercial loans increased \$51.9 million, or 4%, to \$1.5 billion at December 31, 2003, after increasing 8% in 2002, reflecting lower loan closings in 2003 compared to 2002. The increase in 2003, which was concentrated in commercial real estate loans, reflects the Company's efforts to complement traditional residential mortgage lending with quality commercial real estate lending.

Residential real estate mortgage loans increased \$420.9 million, or 26%, to \$2.0 billion at December 31, 2003, after increasing 5% a year earlier. During 2003, the mortgage portfolio continued to experience a high rate of payoffs as a result of significant refinance activity. Mortgage principal payments and paid-off residential loans totaled \$823 million and the Company also sold \$134 million of mortgage portfolio loans during the year. However, the Company more than replaced the loans paid-off and loans sold with current mortgage production through the addition of \$1.4 billion of fixed-rate and variable-rate portfolio loans.

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Consumer direct installment loans increased \$51.7 million, or 9%, to \$608.2 million at December 31, 2003, after rising 12% a year ago, reflecting the continued success of specifically targeted sales and marketing efforts in home equity lending. Consumer indirect installment loans decreased \$23.5 million, or 64%, to \$13.4 million at December 31, 2003, after decreasing 57% in 2002. The decreases during 2003 and 2002 in indirect loan balances were primarily a result of loan payoffs after the Company discontinued its indirect lending line of business during the first quarter of 2000.

Table 9
Maturity Distribution and Interest Rate Sensitivity of Commercial Loans

| December 31, 2003 (In thousands) | Within One Year | After One But Within Five Years | After Five Years | Total |
|---|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Commercial loans: | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$ 11,932 | \$ 14,653 | \$ 11,734 | \$ 38,319 |
| Real estate construction | 143,618 | 63,293 | 40,482 | 247,393 |
| Commercial real estate mortgages | 129,996 | 664,736 | 440,689 | 1,235,421 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total commercial loans | \$285,546 | \$742,682 | \$492,905 | \$1,521,133 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Commercial Loans Maturing After One Year With: | | | | |
| Predetermined rates | | \$216,085 | \$ 24,101 | |
| Floating or adjustable rates | | 526,597 | 468,804 | |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$742,682 | \$492,905 | |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> | |

The commercial loan portfolio contained no aggregate loans to any one industry that exceeded 10% of total portfolio loans outstanding at December 31, 2003. The Company's total loan portfolio is geographically concentrated primarily in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana as shown in the following table.

Table 10
Geographic Distribution of Loan Portfolio

| December 31, 2003 (Dollars in thousands) | Amount | Percent of Total |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Michigan | \$3,279,827 | 79% |
| Ohio | 573,597 | 14 |
| Indiana | 169,756 | 4 |

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|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Massachusetts | 37,887 | 1 |
| Other states | 96,447 | 2 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | \$4,157,514 | 100% |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Mortgage Loans Held for Sale

Mortgage loans held for sale decreased \$525.6 million, to \$135.4 million at December 31, 2003, after decreasing 12% to \$661.0 million at December 31, 2002. The decrease in 2003 was primarily due to a decrease in residential mortgage loan closings during the fourth quarter of 2003 compared to the fourth quarter of 2002 (loans closed generally remain in loans held for sale for 30 to 60 days after closing). Residential mortgage loan closings during the fourth quarter of 2003 were \$526 million compared to \$1.4 billion during the fourth quarter of 2002.

Credit Risk Management

Extending credit to businesses and consumers exposes the Company to credit risk. Credit risk is the risk that the principal balance of a loan and any related interest will not be collected due to the inability of the borrower to repay the loan. The Company manages credit risk in the loan portfolio through adherence to consistent underwriting standards, guidelines and limitations established by senior management. Written loan policies establish underwriting standards, lending limits and other standards or limits as deemed necessary and prudent. Various approval levels, based on the amount of the loan and whether the loan is secured or unsecured, have also been established. Loan approval authority ranges from the individual loan officer to the Directors Loan Committee.

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Republic Bank has established loan review and quality control functions to conduct ongoing, independent reviews of the lending process. This group ensures adherence to established policies and procedures, monitors compliance with applicable laws and regulations, provides objective measurement of the risks inherent in the loan portfolio, and ensures that proper documentation exists.

The following discussion summarizes the underwriting policies and procedures for the major categories within the loan portfolio and addresses the Company's strategies for managing the related credit risk.

Commercial Loans

Credit risk associated with commercial loans is primarily influenced by prevailing economic conditions and the level of underwriting risk the Company is willing to assume. To manage credit risk when extending commercial credit, the Company focuses on adequately assessing the borrower's ability to repay and by obtaining sufficient collateral. To minimize credit risk, the Company concentrates its commercial lending efforts on commercial real estate loans. At December 31, 2003, commercial real estate loans accounted for 97% of total commercial loans. Emphasis is also placed on loans that are government guaranteed, such as SBA loans. Commercial loans are generally secured by the borrower's assets at a 75% or less loan-to-value ratio and by personal guarantees. Management closely monitors the composition and quality of the total commercial loan portfolio to ensure that significant credit concentrations by borrower or industry do not exist.

Residential Real Estate Mortgage Loans

The Company originates fixed rate and variable rate residential mortgage loans which are secured by the underlying 1-4 unit family residential property. At December 31, 2003, these loans accounted for 48.5% of total portfolio loans. Credit risk in this area of lending is minimized by the assessment of the creditworthiness of the borrower, including debt to income ratios, credit bureau scores and adherence to underwriting policies that emphasize conservative loan-to-value ratios of generally no more than 80%. Residential mortgage loans granted in excess of the 80% loan-to-value ratio criterion are generally insured by private mortgage insurance, unless otherwise guaranteed or insured by the Federal or state government. Credit risk is further reduced since the majority of the Company's fixed rate mortgage loan production is sold to investors in the secondary market without recourse.

Installment Loans

Credit risk in the installment loan portfolio is controlled through consistent adherence to conservative underwriting standards that consider, but are not necessarily limited to, debt to income levels, past payment tendencies as evidenced by credit bureau reports, and loan-to-value ratios as to any collateral.

Asset Quality

Non-Performing Assets

Non-performing assets consist of non-accrual loans, restructured loans and other real estate owned (OREO). OREO represents real estate properties acquired by the Company through foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure. Commercial loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest is 90 days or more past due, unless the loans are well-secured and in the process of collection. Residential real estate mortgage loans and installment loans are placed in non-accrual status at the time the loan is four scheduled payments past due or 90 days or more past the maturity date of the loan. In all cases, loans may be placed on non-accrual status earlier when, in the opinion of management, reasonable doubt exists as to the full, timely collection of interest or principal. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, interest accruals cease and any uncollected interest is charged against current income.

Interest subsequently received on non-accrual loans is applied against the principal balance.

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Table 11
Non-Performing Assets

| December 31 (Dollars in thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Non-accrual loans: | | | | | |
| Commercial | \$27,666 | \$19,167 | \$ 6,413 | \$ 5,499 | \$ 4,651 |
| Residential real estate mortgages | 11,181 | 15,215 | 18,808 | 13,429 | 10,449 |
| Installment | 873 | 2,876 | 2,957 | 2,167 | 2,419 |
| Total non-accrual loans | 39,720 | 37,258 | 28,178 | 21,095 | 17,519 |
| Restructured Loans | | 2,309 | | | |
| Other real estate owned | 2,718 | 2,904 | 2,978 | 4,906 | 4,743 |
| Total non-performing assets | \$42,438 | \$42,471 | \$31,156 | \$26,001 | \$22,262 |
| Non-performing assets as a percentage of: | | | | | |
| Portfolio loans and OREO | 1.02% | 1.16% | .90% | .69% | .66% |
| Portfolio loans, mortgage loans held for sale and OREO | .99 | .98 | .74 | .62 | .58 |
| Total assets | .79 | .89 | .66 | .56 | .52 |
| Loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest: | | | | | |
| Commercial | \$ | \$ | \$ 144 | \$ 209 | \$ 100 |
| Residential real estate mortgages | | | | | |
| Installment | | | | | |
| Total loans past due 90 days or more | \$ | \$ | \$ 144 | \$ 209 | \$ 100 |

Non-performing assets totaled \$42.4 million at December 31, 2003, compared to \$42.5 million at December 31, 2002. The increase in non-accrual commercial loans described in the table above was due primarily to two commercial real estate loan relationships located in Michigan. The Company believes the risk-allocated allowance for loan losses attributable to these loans is adequate under present economic conditions and circumstances.

Approximately \$28.2 million, or 0.66%, of total loans at December 31, 2003 were 30 to 89 days delinquent, compared to \$26.5 million, or 0.61% of total loans at December 31, 2002. The Company also maintains a list of potential problem loans (classified as watch and substandard, but excluding non-accrual and restructured loans) identified as requiring a higher level of monitoring where known information about possible borrower credit problems raises serious doubts as to the ability of such borrowers to comply with the repayment terms. As of December 31,

2003, total potential problem loans, excluding those categorized as non-accrual loans, were \$30.8 million, or 0.72% of total loans, compared to \$36.9 million, or 0.85% of total loans at December 31, 2002.

The following table presents the amount of interest income that would have been earned on non-performing loans outstanding at December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 had those loans been accruing interest in accordance with the original terms of the loan agreement, as well as the amount of interest income earned and included in net interest income for each of those years.

Table 12
Forgone Interest on Non-Performing Loans

| | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| For the Year Ended December 31 | | | | | | |
| (In thousands) | | | | | | |
| | Non-Accrual | Restructured | Non-Accrual | Restructured | Non-Accrual | Restructured |
| Pro forma interest income | \$2,997 | \$ | \$2,935 | \$ 121 | \$3,164 | \$ |
| Interest income earned | 1,100 | | 966 | 121 | 946 | |
| | | - | | | | - |
| Forgone interest income | \$1,897 | \$ | \$1,969 | \$ | \$2,218 | \$ |

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Impaired Loans

SFAS No. 114, *Accounting By Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*, as amended by SFAS No. 118, considers a loan impaired when it is probable that payment of principal and interest will not be collected in accordance with the contractual terms of the original loan agreement. Consistent with this definition, all non-accrual and restructured loans (with the exception of residential mortgage and consumer installment loans) are considered impaired. An impaired loan for which it is deemed necessary to record a specific allocated allowance may be written down to the fair value of the underlying collateral via a direct charge-off against the allowance for loan losses at the time it is determined the loan balance exceeds the fair value of the collateral. Consequently, those impaired loans not requiring a specific allocated allowance represent loans for which the fair value of the underlying collateral equaled or exceeded the recorded investment in the loan. All impaired loans were evaluated using the fair value of the underlying collateral as the measurement method.

At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the gross recorded investment in impaired loans totaled \$27.7 million and \$21.5 million, respectively. Similar to non-accrual loans, interest payments subsequently received on impaired loans are applied against the principal balance. See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion of impaired loans.

Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses represents the Company's estimate of probable credit losses related to specifically identified loans as well as probable credit losses inherent in the remainder of the loan portfolio that have been incurred as of the balance sheet date. The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level the Company believes is adequate through additions to the provision for loan losses. An appropriate level of the risk allocated allowance is determined based on the application of risk percentages to graded loans by categories. Specific reserves are established for individual loans when deemed necessary by management. In addition, management considers other factors when determining the unallocated allowance, including loan quality, changes in the size and character of the loan portfolio, consultation with regulatory authorities, amount of nonperforming loans, delinquency trends and economic conditions and industry trends.

Due to the inherent risks and uncertainties related to the operation of a financial institution, management must depend on estimates, appraisals and valuations of loans to prepare the Company's financial statements. Changes in economic conditions and the financial prospects of borrowers may result in abrupt changes to the estimates, appraisals or evaluations used. In addition, if actual circumstances and losses differ substantially from management's assumptions and estimates, the allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to absorb all future losses, and net income could be adversely impacted.

Net loan charge-offs decreased \$1.3 million to \$7.8 million in 2003, compared to \$9.1 million in 2002 and \$8.0 million in 2001. The decrease in 2003 is primarily due to decreases in the Company's indirect installment loan charge-offs, which reflect the anticipated run-off of these loans following the Company's discontinuance of its indirect lending business in the first quarter of 2000. Net charge-offs on indirect installment loans decreased to \$299,000 in 2003 from \$1.7 million in 2002.

The ratio of net loan charge-offs to average loans, including loans held for sale, was .18% in 2003, compared to .23% for 2002 and .19% for 2001. Commercial loan net charge-offs as a percentage of average commercial loans was .36% for 2003 and 2002 compared to .32% for 2001. Residential real estate mortgage loan net charge-offs as a percentage of average residential mortgage loans, including loans held for sale, was .04% for 2003 compared to .05% for 2002 and .03% for 2001. Installment loan net charge-offs as a percentage of average installment loans was .29% for 2003, compared to .50% for 2002 and .55% for 2001.

The Company's policy for charging off loans varies with respect to the category of and specific circumstances surrounding each loan under consideration. If management determines a loan to be under-collateralized, then a charge-off will generally be recommended no later than the month in which the loan becomes 90 days past due. Open-end installment loans (home equity lines of credit) are generally charged off when they become 180 days past due.

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Table 13
Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses

| Year Ended December 31 (Dollars in thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance at beginning of year | \$36,077 | \$29,157 | \$28,450 | \$27,128 | \$21,446 |
| Loan charge-offs: | | | | | |
| Commercial loans | 6,122 | 5,449 | 4,137 | 1,884 | 3,452 |
| Residential real estate mortgage loans | 842 | 989 | 671 | 724 | 572 |
| Installment loans | 2,559 | 3,947 | 4,159 | 3,922 | 3,376 |
| Total loan charge-offs | 9,523 | 10,385 | 8,967 | 6,530 | 7,400 |
| Recoveries: | | | | | |
| Commercial loans | 856 | 285 | 149 | 452 | 691 |
| Residential real estate mortgage loans | | 9 | | 178 | 27 |
| Installment loans | 861 | 1,011 | 825 | 722 | 714 |
| Total recoveries | 1,717 | 1,305 | 974 | 1,352 | 1,432 |
| Net loan charge-offs | 7,806 | 9,080 | 7,993 | 5,178 | 5,968 |
| Provision charged to expense | 12,000 | 16,000 | 8,700 | 6,500 | 11,650 |
| Balance at end of year | \$40,271 | \$36,077 | \$29,157 | \$28,450 | \$27,128 |
| Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of year-end portfolio loans | .97% | .99% | .84% | .75% | .80% |
| Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of year-end non-performing loans | 101.39 | 91.18 | 103.47 | 134.87 | 154.85 |
| Net charge-offs as a percentage of average total loans (including loans held for sale) | .18 | .23 | .19 | .13 | .17 |

The following table summarizes the Company's allocation of the allowance for loan losses for risk allocated and unallocated allowances by loan type and the percentage of each loan type of total portfolio loans. The increase in the risk allocated allowance of \$5.5 million for commercial loans at December 31, 2003 compared to 2002 is primarily due to the increase in non-accrual commercial loans in 2003 compared to 2002 as described in Table 11. The entire allowance, however, is available for use against any type of loan loss deemed appropriate by management. During the five years presented, the Company did not utilize specific allocated allowances.

Table 14

Allocation of the Allowance for Loan Losses

| | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | | 2000 | | 1999 | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| December 31 (Dollars in thousands) | Amount | % of total loans | Amount | % of total loans | Amount | % of total loans | Amount | % of total loans | Amount | % of total loans |
| Risk allocated allowances: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial loans | \$16,993 | 37% | \$11,507 | 40% | \$ 8,597 | 39% | \$ 7,109 | 30% | \$ 4,705 | 26% |
| Residential real estate mortgage loans | 3,562 | 48 | 3,721 | 44 | 4,203 | 44 | 4,009 | 52 | 5,643 | 53 |
| Installment loans | 8,795 | 15 | 8,377 | 16 | 7,905 | 17 | 8,089 | 18 | 8,717 | 21 |
| Total risk allocated allowances | 29,350 | | 23,605 | | 20,705 | | 19,207 | | 19,065 | |
| Unallocated allowances | 10,921 | | 12,472 | | 8,452 | | 9,243 | | 8,063 | |
| Total allowance for loan losses | \$40,271 | 100% | \$36,077 | 100% | \$29,157 | 100% | \$28,450 | 100% | \$27,128 | 100% |

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The following table summarizes the graded loan categories used by the Company to determine the adequacy of the risk allocated allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

Table 15
Graded Loan Categories Used in the
Allocation of the Allowance for Loan Losses

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|--|--|--|
| December 31 (Dollar amounts in thousands) | Loan Amount⁽¹⁾ | Loan Amount⁽¹⁾ | Loan Amount⁽¹⁾ |
| Graded loan categories: | | | |
| Pass (Superior, High, Satisfactory and Moderate) | \$4,928,346 | \$4,876,561 | \$4,724,893 |
| Monitor | 60,123 | | |
| Watch | 25,016 | 33,315 | 38,713 |
| Substandard | 44,520 | 42,082 | 36,739 |
| Doubtful | 727 | | |
| Loss | | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total loans | \$5,058,732 | \$4,951,958 | \$4,800,345 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

⁽¹⁾ Loan amounts include mortgage loans held for sale and unfunded commitments of \$766 million, \$634 million and \$594 million at December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Each element of the risk allocated allowance for December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 was determined by applying the following risk percentages to each grade of loan: Pass from .10% to 1.25%, depending on category of loans classified as Superior, High, Satisfactory and Moderate; Monitor from 2.5% to 5%; Watch from 3.75% to 10%; Substandard from 5% to 20%; Doubtful 50%; and Loss 100%. The risk percentages were developed by the Company in consultation with regulatory authorities, actual loss experience, peer group loss experience and are adjusted for current economic conditions. The risk percentages are considered by management to be a prudent measurement of the risk associated with the Company's loan portfolio. Such risk percentages are applied to individual loans based on loan type. Non-accrual loans are included in the substandard and doubtful classifications in the Company's risk rating methodology.

The Company reviews each delinquent commercial loan on a bi-weekly basis. Grades for commercial loans are assigned based upon review of such factors such as debt service coverage, collateral value, financial condition of the borrower, experience and reputation of management and payment history. Delinquent mortgage and installment loans are reviewed monthly and assigned a rating based on their payment status. In addition, the Commercial Loan Review Committee will, on a monthly basis, conduct reviews of certain individual loans exceeding \$250,000 that have not exhibited delinquency trends. These reviews assign a current risk rating based on management's understanding of the financial condition of the borrower and collateral values.

Based upon these reviews, the Company determines the grades for its loan portfolio on a monthly basis and

computes the allocation for allowance for loan losses. These reviews provide a mechanism that results in loans being graded in the proper category and accordingly, assigned the proper risk percentage in computing the risk allocated or specific allocated allowance.

The Company also maintains an unallocated allowance in recognition of the imprecision in estimating and measuring probable credit losses. The unallocated allowance is utilized to cover losses that may arise from new business migration and imprecision in the risk rating system. New business migration risk arises from new commercial loans that are typically graded pass , having a short payment history in which to evaluate the performance of the loan. Imprecision in the risk rating system may result from either inaccuracy in assigning the risk ratings or stale risk ratings which may not have been updated for recent negative trends in the particular credits. The unallocated allowance for loan losses was \$10.9 million at December 31, 2003 and deemed adequate but not excessive by management after assessing the dollar amount of new commercial loans and the current economic environment.

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The provision for loan losses decreased to \$12.0 million during 2003 from \$16.0 million in 2002. In 2002, the provision for loan losses increased to \$16.0 million from \$8.7 million in 2001. The increase in the provision in 2002 was due to a significant increase in the size of the loan portfolio, an increase in net charge-offs and an increase in non-accrual loans in during the year. In 2003, while the loan portfolio continued to grow, the majority of the growth was concentrated in the residential mortgage loan portfolio, which historically has experienced very low charge-off percentages. In addition, net loan charge-offs in 2003 decreased 14% from 2002 and total non-performing assets decreased slightly from December 31, 2002 to December 31, 2003. As a result of the improvement in credit quality, the Company determined the provision for loan losses during 2003 should be lower than the provision for loan losses in 2002.

There have been no changes in the Company's estimation methods since 1996, however, risk percentages for certain loan classifications within the "pass" category were adjusted in 2000. In 2003, the Company added an additional risk rating category, "Monitor". The Monitor category is utilized for loans that have potential weaknesses that require the added attention of management. These loans have characteristics, which if not corrected, could impact the ability of such borrowers to comply with the repayment terms. In addition, the risk percentages for the "Watch" rated loans were increased during 2003 to reflect management's revised estimates of potential losses on these loans.

Liabilities**Deposits**

Total deposits, the Company's primary source of funding, increased 1% to \$2.82 billion at December 31, 2003, after increasing 1% a year earlier. During 2003, the Company's emphasis was on core deposits, which represent the largest and most stable component of total deposits and consist of demand deposits, NOW accounts, regular savings accounts and money market accounts. At December 31, 2003, core deposits totaled \$1.45 billion, a 7% increase when compared to \$1.35 billion at December 31, 2002.

Table 16
Maturity Distribution of Certificates of Deposit of \$100,000 or More

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Three months or less | \$258,287 |
| Over three months through six months | 80,531 |
| Over six months through twelve months | 101,758 |
| Over twelve months | 200,596 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$641,172 |
| | <hr/> |

The Company also funds its loans with brokered certificates of deposit and municipal certificates of deposit. At December 31, 2003, these deposits totaled \$119.5 million and \$318.8 million, respectively, and represented 16% of total deposits on a combined basis. At December 31, 2002, brokered certificates of deposit totaled \$124.7 million and municipal certificates of deposit totaled \$334.0 million, also representing 16% of total deposits on a combined basis.

Short-Term Borrowings

Short-term borrowings increased \$282.2 million to \$491.2 million at December 31, 2003, following a \$32.6 million increase to \$209.1 million a year earlier. Short-term borrowings at December 31, 2003 and 2002 consisted of federal funds purchased, reverse repurchase agreements and treasury, tax and loan demand notes. The amount provided by these funding sources increased during 2003 primarily to fund a portion of the variable rate commercial, residential and consumer portfolio loan increases. See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding short-term borrowings.

Short-Term FHLB Advances

Republic Bank utilizes short-term FHLB advances to provide funding for mortgage loans held for sale and a portion of the investment securities portfolio. These advances are generally secured under a blanket security agreement by first mortgage loans and investment securities with an aggregate book value equal to at least 145% of the total advances. Short-term FHLB advances totaled \$280 million at December 31, 2003, compared to \$305 million at December 31, 2002. See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding short-term FHLB advances.

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Long-Term FHLB Advances and Reverse Repurchase Agreements

Republic Bank routinely utilizes long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements to provide funding to minimize the interest rate risk associated with certain fixed rate commercial and residential mortgage portfolio loans and investment securities. Total long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements were \$1.29 billion at December 31, 2003 compared to \$1.0 billion at December 31, 2002. See Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements.

Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt totaled \$50.0 million December 31, 2003 compared to \$63.5 million at December 31, 2002. Senior debentures of \$13.5 million matured and were paid in full in January 2003. See Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding long-term debt.

Capital

Shareholders' equity increased \$36.7 million, or 11%, to \$369.4 million at December 31, 2003, after increasing 9% to \$332.7 million a year earlier. The increase in shareholders' equity during 2003 resulted primarily from net income of \$60.7 million and the issuance of shares through the exercise of stock options of \$9.2 million, offset by \$21.3 million in cash dividends to shareholders and \$15.0 million in stock repurchases. The total cash dividend paid in 2003 represented a 16% increase over the amount paid in 2002, reflecting an increase in the quarterly dividend per share declared in July 2003 from \$.085 to \$.095 and the increase in the shares outstanding that resulted from the Company's 10% stock dividend.

On February 15, 2001, the Board of Directors approved the 2001 Stock Repurchase Program authorizing the repurchase of up to 1,100,000 shares, which was amended in October 2001 to allow for the repurchase of up to 3,300,000 shares. The 2001 Stock Repurchase Program was further amended in October 2002 to allow for the repurchase of up to 4,300,000 shares. On July 17, 2003, the Board of Directors approved the 2003 Stock Repurchase Program authorizing the repurchase of up to 2,200,000 shares. The 2003 Stock Repurchase Program will commence at the conclusion of the 2001 Stock Repurchase Program. Repurchases are made from time to time as market and business conditions warrant, in the open market, negotiated, or block transactions, and are funded from available working capital and cash flow from operations. Repurchased shares will be used for employee benefit plans, stock dividends and other general business purposes, including potential acquisitions. The Company repurchased 1,160,000 shares and 1,467,000 shares under the 2001 Program during 2003 and 2002, respectively. As of December 31, 2003, there were 2,200,000 and 8,000 shares available for repurchase under the 2003 and 2001 Programs, respectively.

The Company is subject to risk-based capital adequacy guidelines that measure capital relative to risk-weighted assets and off-balance sheet financial instruments. Capital adequacy guidelines issued by the Federal Reserve Board require bank holding companies to have a minimum total risk-based capital ratio of 8.00%, with at least half of total capital in the form of Tier 1, or core capital. The Company's total risk-based capital ratio was 12.85% at December 31, 2003 compared to 12.26% at December 31, 2002. For further information regarding regulatory capital requirements, see Note 26 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents***Contractual Obligations***

The following table presents, as of December 31, 2003, significant fixed and determinable contractual obligations to third parties by payment date. Further discussion of the nature of each obligation is included in the referenced note to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table 17
Contractual Obligations

| (Dollars in thousands) | Note Reference | Due Within One Year | One to Three Years | Three to Five Years | Five Years or Over | Total |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| December 31, 2003 | | | | | | |
| Deposits without a stated maturity ⁽¹⁾ | | \$1,495,339 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$1,495,339 |
| Certificates of deposits ⁽¹⁾ | | 823,122 | 307,876 | 173,969 | 14,963 | 1,319,930 |
| Short-term borrowings | 10 | 491,245 | | | | 491,245 |
| Short-term FHLB advances | 11 | 280,000 | | | | 280,000 |
| Long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | 12 | 37,500 | 272,983 | 324,925 | 651,318 | 1,286,726 |
| Long-term debt | 13 | | | | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Operating leases | 7 | 4,629 | 6,951 | 4,101 | 4,263 | 19,944 |

⁽¹⁾ See Deposits on page 26 for further discussion on deposit balances.

Off-Balance Sheet Transactions

In the normal course of business, the Company becomes a party to transactions involving financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk to meet the financing needs of its customers and to manage its own exposure to interest rate risk. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit that are not reflected in the consolidated financial statements. The contractual amounts of these instruments express the extent of the Company's involvement in these transactions as of the balance sheet date. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk, market risk and liquidity risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. However, they do not represent unusual risks for the Company and management does not anticipate any significant losses to arise from these transactions.

Commitments to extend credit are legally binding agreements to lend cash to a customer as long as there is no breach of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require the payment of a fee. Standby letters of credit guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. The Company issues these guarantees primarily to support public and private borrowing arrangements, real estate construction projects, bond financing and similar transactions.

The credit risk associated with commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved with direct lending. Therefore, these instruments are subject to the Company's loan review and approval procedures and credit policies. Based upon management's credit evaluation of the counterparty, the Company may require the counterparty to provide collateral as security for the agreement, including real estate, accounts receivable,

inventories, and investment securities. The maximum credit risk associated with these instruments equals their contractual amounts and assumes that the counterparty defaults and the collateral proves to be worthless. The total contractual amounts of commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit do not necessarily represent future cash requirements, since many of these agreements may expire without being drawn upon. At December 31, 2003, no liability is recorded for the commitments to extend credit, while deferred revenue for standby letters of credit was \$189,000. At December 31, 2002, there was no liability or deferred revenue recorded for the commitments to extend credit or for the standby letters of credit.

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The following table presents the contractual amounts of the Company's off-balance sheet financial instruments outstanding at December 31, 2003 and 2002:

Table 18
Off-Balance Sheet Contractual Obligations

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk: | | |
| Commitments to fund residential real estate loans | \$296,978 | \$340,615 |
| Commitments to fund commercial real estate loans | 306,062 | 142,332 |
| Other unused commitments to extend credit | 421,619 | 374,692 |
| Standby letters of credit | 71,834 | 46,480 |

Liquidity Management

The objective of liquidity management is to provide funds at an acceptable cost to meet loan demand and deposit withdrawals and to service other liabilities as they become due. Managing liquidity also enables the Company to take advantage of opportunities for business expansion. Funds are available from a number of sources, including, but not limited to, cash and money market investments, the investment securities portfolio, mortgage loans held for sale and portfolio loan repayments and maturities.

Short-term liquidity is available from federal funds purchased, reverse repurchase agreements, deposit growth, retail, brokered and municipal certificates of deposit and FHLB advances. Long-term liquidity is generated from reverse repurchase agreements, deposit growth, the maturity structure of time deposits, brokered certificates of deposit and FHLB advances. As of December 31, 2003 the Company's balance of certificates of deposit maturing within the next twelve months was \$823.1 million. The Company expects that a significant portion of these certificates of deposit will be renewed based on the Company's success at establishing long lasting customer relationships. However, the Company will use its other available funding sources to replace those deposits which are not renewed.

At December 31, 2003, Republic Bank had available \$229.5 million in unused lines of credit with third parties for federal funds purchased and \$193.5 million available in unused borrowings with the FHLB.

Republic Bancorp Inc. has four major funding sources to meet its liquidity requirements: interest earning deposits, dividends from Republic Bank, access to the capital markets and a revolving credit agreement with a third party. On December 31, 2003, \$161.7 million was available from Republic Bank for payment of dividends to the parent company without prior regulatory approval, compared to \$134.5 million at December 31, 2002. Also, at December 31, 2003, the parent company had interest-earning deposits of \$26.4 million at Republic Bank to meet any liquidity requirements. In December 2000, the Company entered into a \$30 million revolving credit agreement with a third party with a floating interest rate based on LIBOR. There were no advances outstanding under the agreement at December 31, 2003, which expires on December 26, 2004. Depending on market conditions and liquidity requirements, the Company would also consider the issuance of additional debt or equity instruments to provide additional liquidity, if necessary.

As discussed in Item 1 of this Report on Form 10-K, Republic Bank is subject to statutory and regulatory requirements and, among other things, may be limited in their ability to pay dividends to the parent company. These statutory and regulatory restrictions have not had, and are not expected to have, a material effect on the Company's

ability to meet its cash obligations.

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Market Risk Management

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in the fair value of financial instruments due to changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices. The Company's market risk exposure is composed entirely of interest rate risk. Interest rate risk arises in the normal course of business to the extent that there is a difference between the amount of the Company's interest-earning assets and the amount of interest-bearing liabilities that are prepaid/withdrawn, repriced or mature in specified periods. Because the Company's business is subject to many factors beyond its control (see Forward-Looking Statements on page 9) in managing the Company's assets and liabilities, and overall exposure to risk, management must rely on numerous estimates, evaluations and assumptions. Consequently, actual results could differ materially from those anticipated by management or expressed in the Company's press releases and public documents.

Asset and Liability Management

The primary objective of asset and liability management is to maintain stability in the level of net interest income by producing the optimal yield and maturity mix of assets and liabilities within the interest rate risk limits set by the Company's Asset and Liability Management Committee (ALCO) and consistent with projected liquidity needs and capital adequacy requirements.

Interest Rate Risk Management

The Company's ALCO, which meets weekly, is responsible for reviewing the interest rate sensitivity position of the Company and establishing policies to monitor and limit exposure to interest rate risk. Senior management at Republic Bank is responsible for ensuring that the Bank's asset and liability management procedures adhere to corporate policies and risk limits established by their respective board of directors.

During 2003, short-term interest rates decreased and long-term interest rates increased. The three-month treasury bill decreased 27 basis points and the prime-lending rate decreased 25 basis points from December 31, 2002 to December 31, 2003, while the 30-year treasury bond increased 29 basis points during 2003. The demand for residential loans continued to be high for the majority of 2003 as mortgage rates remained low by all historical measures. The increase in long-term interest rates did slow residential loan demand in the fourth quarter of 2003. The Company's residential real estate mortgage balance increased during the year, as new mortgage loan production more than offset loan payoffs within the portfolio. Commercial loan balances grew due to the successful efforts by our team of experienced commercial lenders and the lower prime lending rates. Lower interest rates also continued to attract home equity borrowers as the balance of consumer direct loans grew in 2003.

The mortgage loans held for sale balance is the Company's most interest rate sensitive asset. It is also short-term in nature as the majority of loans held for sale are sold within 60 days. By funding this balance with primarily short-term borrowings, the Company is able to both closely match its liquidity needs, as this balance will generally increase in a declining interest rate environment and decrease in a rising interest rate environment, and maintain a consistent interest rate spread when the yield curve moves in parallel shifts. As is discussed in Note 24 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, committing to fund residential real estate loan applications at specified rates and holding residential mortgage loans for sale exposes the Company to market risk during the period after the loans close but before they are sold to investors. To reduce this exposure to market risk, the Company enters into firm commitments to sell such mortgage loans at specified future dates and prices to various third parties.

The Company utilizes two complementary quantitative tools to measure and monitor interest rate risk: static gap analysis and earnings simulation modeling. Each of these interest rate risk measurements has limitations, but the Company believes that when evaluated together, they provide a reasonably comprehensive view of the Company's

exposure interest rate risk.

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Static Gap Analysis: Static gap analysis is utilized at the end of each month to measure the amount of interest rate risk embedded in the balance sheet as of a point in time. The Company undertakes this analysis by comparing the differences in the repricing characteristics of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. A gap is defined as the difference between the principal amount of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities that reprice within a specified time period. This gap provides a general indication of the sensitivity of the Company's net interest income to interest rate changes. If more assets than liabilities reprice or mature in a given period, resulting in an asset sensitive position or positive gap, increases in market interest rates will generally benefit net interest income because earning asset rates will reflect the changes more quickly than rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities. Alternatively, where interest-bearing liabilities reprice more quickly than interest-earning assets, resulting in a liability sensitive position or negative gap, increases in market interest rates will generally have an adverse impact on net interest income. Table 19 presents the static gap analysis. At December 31, 2003, the cumulative one-year gap was a positive 7.80% of total earning assets. At December 31, 2002, the cumulative one-year gap was a positive 17.87% of total earning assets.

The Company's current policy is to maintain a mix of asset and liabilities with repricing and maturity characteristics that reflect a moderate amount of short-term interest rate risk based on current interest rate projections, customer credit demands and deposit preferences. The Company generally operates in a range of zero to 15% of total earning assets for the cumulative one-year gap. Management believes that this range reduces the vulnerability of net interest income to large shifts in market interest rates while allowing the Company to take advantage of fluctuations in current short-term rates. This range also complements the Company's strong retail mortgage banking franchise. The one-year gap at December 31, 2002 exceeded this range primarily due to the prepayment assumptions the model uses in estimating the maturity terms of the residential mortgage portfolio. With residential mortgage rates at historical lows, prepayment speed assumptions were at high levels resulting in a high level of assumed maturities within the one-year period. The slow-down in prepayment speed assumptions to more normalized levels in the latter part of 2003 significantly reduced the cumulative one-year gap percentage.

Earnings Simulation: On a monthly basis, the earnings simulation model is used to quantify the effects of various hypothetical changes in interest rates on the Company's projected net interest income over the ensuing twelve-month period. The model permits management to evaluate the effects of various parallel shifts of the U.S. Treasury yield curve, upward and downward, on net interest income expected in a stable interest rate environment (i.e., base net interest income).

As of December 31, 2003, the earnings simulation model projects the following change in net interest income from base net interest incomes, assuming an immediate parallel shift in market interest rates:

| | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Change in market interest rates in basis points | +200 | +100 | +50 | -50 | -100 | -200 |
| Change in net interest income over the next twelve months | 5.1% | 2.9% | 1.5% | -1.7% | -3.6% | -13.8% |

These projected levels are well within the Company's policy limits. These results portray the Company's interest rate risk position as asset sensitive for the one-year horizon. The earnings simulation model assumes that current balance sheet totals remain constant and all maturities and prepayments of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities are reinvested at current market rates.

Impact of Interest Rate Fluctuations and Inflation on Earnings

Unlike most industrial companies, substantially all the assets and liabilities of a financial institution are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rate fluctuations generally have a more significant and direct impact on a financial

institution's performance than do the effects of inflation. To the extent inflation affects interest rates, real estate values and other costs, the Company's lending activities may be adversely impacted. Significant increases in interest rates make it more difficult for potential borrowers to purchase residential property and to qualify for mortgage loans. As a result, the Company's volume of loans originated may be reduced and the potential reduction in the related interest income and fee income may be larger than would be implied by a simple linear extrapolation of the results generated by the earnings simulation model. A lower interest rate environment would enable more potential borrowers to reduce their mortgage interest rate and qualify for relatively higher mortgage loan balances, therefore resulting in higher mortgage loan production activity as well as interest income.

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Table 19
Static Gap Analysis⁽¹⁾

| (Dollars in thousands) | Within 3 Months | 4 Months to 1 Year | 1 to 5 Years | 5 Years or Over | Total |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| December 31, 2003 | | | | | |
| Interest-Earning Assets: | | | | | |
| Federal funds sold and other money market investments | \$ 109 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 109 |
| Mortgage loans held for sale | 135,360 | | | | 135,360 |
| Investment securities | 178,925 | 59,190 | 189,256 | 336,634 | 764,005 |
| Loans, net of unearned income | 1,539,322 | 615,075 | 1,475,902 | 487,495 | 4,117,794 |
| FHLB stock (at cost) | 80,500 | | | | 80,500 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total interest-earning assets | \$1,934,216 | \$ 674,265 | \$1,665,158 | \$ 824,129 | \$5,097,768 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Interest-Bearing Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | | |
| NOW accounts | \$ | \$ | \$ 147,374 | \$ 36,843 | \$ 184,217 |
| Savings and money market accounts | 94,094 | 471,571 | 357,196 | 131,996 | 1,054,857 |
| Certificates of deposit: | | | | | |
| Under \$100,000 | 85,793 | 296,753 | 286,972 | 9,240 | 678,758 |
| \$100,000 or more | 258,287 | 182,289 | 194,873 | 5,723 | 641,172 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total certificates of deposit | 344,080 | 479,042 | 481,845 | 14,963 | 1,319,930 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 438,174 | 950,613 | 986,415 | 183,802 | 2,559,004 |
| Short-term borrowings ⁽²⁾ | 491,245 | | | | 491,245 |
| Short-term FHLB advances | 183,481 | 96,519 | | | 280,000 |
| Long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | | 50,940 | 587,262 | 648,524 | 1,286,726 |
| Long-term debt | | | 50,000 | | 50,000 |

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|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | <u>\$1,112,900</u> | <u>\$1,098,072</u> | <u>\$1,623,677</u> | <u>\$ 832,326</u> | <u>\$4,666,975</u> |
| Interest rate sensitivity gap | \$ 821,316 | \$ (423,807) | \$ 41,481 | \$ (8,197) | \$ 430,793 |
| As a percentage of total interest-earning assets | 16.11% | (8.32)% | 0.81% | (0.16)% | 8.45% |
| Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap | \$ 821,316 | \$ 397,509 | \$ 438,990 | \$ 430,793 | |
| As a percentage of total interest-earning assets | 16.11% | 7.80% | 8.61% | 8.45% | |
| December 31, 2002 | | | | | |
| Interest-Earning Assets: | | | | | |
| Federal funds sold and other money market investments | \$ 85 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 85 |
| Mortgage loans held for sale | 660,999 | | | | 660,999 |
| Investment securities | 34,722 | 11,555 | 8,459 | 115,720 | 170,456 |
| Loans, net of unearned income | 1,163,835 | 755,265 | 1,484,456 | 213,420 | 3,616,976 |
| FHLB stock (at cost) | <u>78,475</u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u>78,475</u> |
| Total interest-earning assets | <u>\$1,938,116</u> | <u>\$ 766,820</u> | <u>\$1,492,915</u> | <u>\$ 329,140</u> | <u>\$4,526,991</u> |
| Interest-Bearing Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | | |
| NOW accounts | \$ | \$ | \$ 141,092 | \$ 35,274 | \$ 176,366 |
| Savings and money market accounts | 37,030 | 434,864 | 327,880 | 111,089 | 910,863 |
| Certificates of deposit: | | | | | |
| Under \$100,000 | 102,419 | 265,247 | 368,841 | 13,509 | 750,016 |
| \$100,000 or more | <u>254,697</u> | <u>191,270</u> | <u>238,325</u> | <u>6,101</u> | <u>690,393</u> |
| Total certificates of deposit | <u>357,116</u> | <u>456,517</u> | <u>607,166</u> | <u>19,610</u> | <u>1,440,409</u> |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 394,146 | 891,381 | 1,076,138 | 165,973 | 2,527,638 |
| Short-term borrowings ⁽²⁾ | 209,070 | | | | 209,070 |
| Short-term FHLB advance | 305,000 | | | | 305,000 |

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|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Long-term FHLB advances | 52,275 | 30,392 | 254,314 | 665,962 | 1,002,943 |
| Long-term debt | 13,500 | | 50,000 | | 63,500 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | \$ 973,991 | \$ 921,773 | \$ 1,380,452 | \$ 831,935 | \$ 4,108,151 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Interest rate sensitivity gap | \$ 964,125 | \$ (154,953) | \$ 112,463 | \$ (502,795) | \$ 418,840 |
| As a percentage of total interest-earning assets | 21.30% | (3.42)% | 2.48% | (11.11)% | 9.25% |
| Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap | \$ 964,125 | \$ 809,172 | \$ 921,635 | \$ 418,840 | |
| As a percentage of total interest-earning assets | 21.30% | 17.87% | 20.36% | 9.25% | |

(1) Actual maturity or repricing dates are used for investment securities, certificates of deposit and short-term borrowings. Assumptions and estimates have been made for loans, NOW accounts, savings, and money market accounts to more accurately reflect repricing and retention.

(2) Includes federal funds purchased, reverse repurchase agreements and other short-term borrowings.

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Accounting and Financial Reporting Developments

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared based on the application of accounting policies, the most significant of which are described in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. These policies require estimates and assumptions which may prove inaccurate or subject to variations. Changes in underlying factors, assumptions or estimates could have a material impact on the Company's future financial condition and results of operations. The most critical of these significant accounting policies is the policy for the allowance for loan losses. See pages 23-26 and Notes 1 and 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding the policy on allowance for loan losses.

In May 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS 150, *Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity*. This Statement establishes standards for classifying and measuring certain financial instruments that embody obligations of the issuer and have characteristics of both liabilities and equity. The provision of SFAS 150 became effective June 1, 2003, for all financial instruments created or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise became effective as of July 1, 2003. In December 2003, the FASB deferred for an indefinite period the application of the guidance in SFAS 150 to noncontrolling interests that are classified as equity in the financial statements of a subsidiary but would be classified as a liability in the parent's financial statements under SFAS 150. The deferral is limited to mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests associated with finite-lived subsidiaries. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity.

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS 149, *Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, which amends and clarifies financial accounting and reporting for derivative instruments and hedging activities under SFAS 133, as well as amends certain other existing FASB pronouncements. In general, SFAS 149 is effective for derivative transactions entered into or modified and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on financial condition, the results of operations, or liquidity.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46 (FIN 46), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*, which provides guidance on how to identify a variable interest entity (VIE) and determine when the assets, liabilities, noncontrolling interests, and results of operations of a VIE are to be included in an entity's consolidated financial statements. A VIE exists when either the total equity investment at risk is not sufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities by itself, or the equity investors lack one of three characteristics associated with owning a controlling financial interest. Those characteristics include the direct or indirect ability to make decisions about an entity's activities through voting rights or similar rights, the obligation to absorb the expected losses of an entity if they occur, or the right to receive the expected residual returns of the entity if they occur.

In December 2003, the FASB reissued FIN 46 with certain modifications and clarifications. Application of this guidance was effective for interests in certain VIEs commonly referred to as special-purpose entities (SPEs) as of December 31, 2003. Application for all other types of entities is required for periods ending after March 15, 2004, unless previously applied.

Effective December 31, 2003, the Company adopted the provisions of FIN 46 for all interests held in a VIE. The Company evaluated various entities in which it held an interest to determine if these entities met the definition of a variable interest entity (VIE), and whether the Company was the primary beneficiary and should consolidate the entity based on the variable interests it held. The Company owns 100% of the common stock of Republic Capital Trust I, which was formed in 2001 to issue trust preferred securities. Prior to the fourth quarter 2003 adoption of FIN 46, the Company consolidated this entity as a result of its ownership of the outstanding common securities. This entity met the FIN 46 definition of a VIE, but the Company is not the primary beneficiary in the entity. As such, the Company was required to deconsolidate the entity in the fourth quarter 2003. Deconsolidation of the entity changed the

classification of the trust preferred securities held by the Company (\$50 million) to subordinated debt. Banking regulators announced that, until notice is given to the contrary, such debt will continue to qualify as Tier 1 Capital. No other entities in which the Company held significant interest were determined to be VIEs under FIN 46. All prior periods have been restated to reflect the adoption of FIN 46. The requirements of FIN 46 did not impact the Company's net income or earnings per share.

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In March 2003, the SEC issued Regulation G, *Conditions for Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures*. As defined in Regulation G, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's historical or future performance, financial position, or cash flow that excludes or includes amounts or adjustments that are included or excluded in the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Companies that present non-GAAP financial measures must disclose a numerical reconciliation to the most directly comparable measurement using GAAP. Management does not believe it has used any non-GAAP financial measure in this report.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure*, which provides guidance on how to transition from the intrinsic value method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation under APB 25 to the fair value method of accounting under SFAS 123, if a company so elects.

Effective January 1, 2003 the Company adopted the fair value method of recording stock options under SFAS 123. In accordance with the transitional guidance of SFAS 148, the fair value method of accounting for stock options was applied prospectively to awards granted subsequent to January 1, 2003. As permitted, options granted prior to January 1, 2003 continued to be accounted for under APB Opinion 25, and the pro forma impact of accounting for these options at fair value will continue to be disclosed in the consolidated financial statements until the last of those options vest in 2005. In 2003, the Company primarily issued restricted stock in lieu of stock option grants. As a result, the income statement impact associated with expensing stock options was immaterial in 2003. As the cost of anticipated future option awards is phased in over a four-year period, the annual impact will continue to be immaterial assuming options are granted in future years at a similar level. The actual impact per diluted share may vary in the event the fair value or the number of options granted increases or decreases from the current estimate, or if the current accounting guidance changes. The Company uses the Black-Scholes model to estimate option values.

In November 2002, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 45 (FIN 45), *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*. This interpretation expands the disclosures to be made by a guarantor in its financial statements about its obligations under certain guarantees and requires the guarantor to recognize a liability for the fair value of an obligation assumed under a guarantee. FIN 45 applies to contracts or indemnification agreements that contingently require the guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on changes in an underlying that is related to an asset, liability, or equity security of the guaranteed party. Guarantees subject to the disclosure requirements of FIN 45 but not to the recognition provisions include, among others, a guarantee accounted for as a derivative instrument under SFAS 133, a parent's guarantee of debt owed to a third party by its subsidiary or vice versa, and a guarantee which is based on performance not price. The disclosure requirements of FIN 45 were effective for the Company as of December 31, 2002, and required disclosure of the nature of the guarantee, the maximum potential amount of future payments that the guarantor could be required to make under the guarantee, and the current amount of the liability, if any, for the guarantor's obligations under the guarantee. The recognition requirements of FIN 45 were to be applied prospectively to guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. Significant guarantees that have been entered into by the Company are disclosed in Note 23. The requirements of FIN 45 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

SFAS 146, *Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities*, was issued in July 2002 and was adopted by the Company beginning January 1, 2003. This statement requires a cost associated with an exit or disposal activity, such as the sale or termination of a line of business, the closure of business activities in a particular location, or a change in management structure, to be recorded as a liability at fair value when it becomes probable the cost will be incurred and no future economic benefit will be gained by the company for such cost. Applicable costs include employee termination benefits, contract termination costs, and costs to consolidate facilities or relocate employees. SFAS 146 supersedes EITF Issue No. 94-3, *Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and*

Other Costs to Exit an Activity, which in some cases required certain costs to be recognized before a liability was actually incurred. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations in 2003.

In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*, SFAS 143 requires an entity to record a liability for an obligation associated with the retirement of an asset at the time the liability is incurred by capitalizing the cost as part of the carrying value of the related asset and depreciating it over the remaining useful life of that asset. The standard became effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2003 and its adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

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ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The information required by this Item is set forth in the section entitled *Market Risk Management* included under Item 7 of this document and is incorporated herein by reference. See also Note 24 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included under Item 8 of this document.

Table of Contents**ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA****Republic Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries*****Consolidated Balance Sheets***

| December 31 (Dollars in thousands) | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$ 63,749 | \$ 75,540 |
| Interest-earning deposits with banks | 109 | 85 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 63,858 | 75,625 |
| Mortgage loans held for sale | 135,360 | 660,999 |
| Securities available for sale | 607,450 | 170,456 |
| Securities held to maturity (fair value of \$157.1 in 2003) | 156,555 | |
| Loans, net of unearned income | 4,157,514 | 3,656,543 |
| Less allowance for loan losses | (40,271) | (36,077) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net loans | 4,117,243 | 3,620,466 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock (at cost) | 80,500 | 78,475 |
| Premises and equipment | 26,928 | 27,790 |
| Bank owned life insurance | 108,330 | 87,192 |
| Other assets | 57,464 | 57,192 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total assets | \$5,353,688 | \$4,778,195 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Noninterest-bearing deposits | \$ 256,265 | \$ 260,634 |
| Interest bearing deposits: | | |
| NOW accounts | 184,217 | 176,366 |
| Savings and money market accounts | 1,054,857 | 910,863 |
| Certificates of deposit | 1,319,930 | 1,440,409 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 2,559,004 | 2,527,638 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total deposits | 2,815,269 | 2,788,272 |
| Federal funds purchased and other short-term borrowings | 491,245 | 209,070 |
| Short-term FHLB advances | 280,000 | 305,000 |
| Long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | 1,286,726 | 1,002,943 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 61,028 | 76,682 |
| Long-term debt | 50,000 | 63,500 |

| | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Total liabilities | <u>4,984,268</u> | <u>4,445,467</u> |
| Shareholders' Equity | | |
| Preferred stock, \$25 stated value; \$2.25 cumulative and convertible; 5,000,000 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding | | |
| Common stock, \$5 par value; 75,000,000 shares authorized; 63,527,000 and 63,185,000 shares issued and outstanding in 2003 and 2002, respectively | 317,633 | 287,207 |
| Capital surplus | 50,358 | 40,633 |
| Unearned compensation restricted stock | (1,666) | (368) |
| Retained earnings | 3,893 | 4,373 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (798) | 883 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total shareholders' equity | <u>369,420</u> | <u>332,728</u> |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | <u>\$5,353,688</u> | <u>\$4,778,195</u> |

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Republic Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries**
Consolidated Statements of Income**Years Ended December 31****(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)**

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Interest Income | | | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$247,125 | \$266,432 | \$316,292 |
| Interest on investment securities and FHLB stock dividends | 18,555 | 18,272 | 17,084 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total interest income | 265,680 | 284,704 | 333,376 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Interest Expense | | | |
| Interest on deposits: | | | |
| NOW accounts | 599 | 1,019 | 1,967 |
| Savings and money market accounts | 13,648 | 15,358 | 22,251 |
| Certificates of deposits | 42,058 | 58,795 | 90,386 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total interest expense on deposits | 56,305 | 75,172 | 114,604 |
| Federal funds purchased and other short-term borrowings | 7,689 | 10,022 | 27,662 |
| Long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | 54,850 | 50,865 | 46,050 |
| Long-term debt | 4,339 | 6,793 | 5,106 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total interest expense | 123,183 | 142,852 | 193,422 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net interest income | 142,497 | 141,852 | 139,954 |
| Provision for loan losses | 12,000 | 16,000 | 8,700 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 130,497 | 125,852 | 131,254 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Noninterest Income | | | |
| Mortgage banking income | 38,976 | 34,132 | 46,808 |
| Service charges | 11,097 | 9,206 | 7,720 |
| Gains on sale of securities | 2,190 | 5,859 | 1,425 |
| Income from bank owned life insurance | 5,519 | 2,192 | |
| Other noninterest income | 2,997 | 4,638 | 3,431 |
| Gain on sale of subsidiary | | | 12,000 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total noninterest income | 60,779 | 56,027 | 71,384 |

| | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | |
| Noninterest Expense | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 60,454 | 59,134 | 64,377 |
| Occupancy expense of premises | 10,296 | 9,926 | 11,427 |
| Equipment expense | 6,768 | 6,903 | 7,847 |
| Other noninterest expenses | 27,136 | 24,552 | 29,562 |
| Restructuring costs to exit mortgage servicing business | | | 19,000 |
| | | | |
| Total noninterest expense | 104,654 | 100,515 | 132,213 |
| | | | |
| Income before income taxes | 86,622 | 81,364 | 70,425 |
| Provision for income taxes | 25,896 | 24,687 | 22,515 |
| | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 60,726 | \$ 56,677 | \$ 47,910 |
| | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$.96 | \$.89 | \$.73 |
| | | | |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$.95 | \$.87 | \$.72 |

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Republic Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries*****Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity***

| | Number of Common | Common | Capital | Unearned Compensation Restricted | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total Shareholders' Equity |
|--|------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| (In thousands, except per share data) | Shares | Stock | Surplus | Stock | Earnings | (Loss) | Equity |
| Balances at January 1, 2001 | 49,424 | \$247,119 | \$ 46,236 | \$(1,275) | \$ 2,994 | \$ (210) | \$294,864 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | | | | 47,910 | | 47,910 |
| Unrealized holding losses on securities, net of \$1,084 income tax benefit | | | | | | (2,013) | (2,013) |
| Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income, net of \$499 income tax expense | | | | | | (926) | (926) |
| Net unrealized losses on securities, net of tax | | | | | | (2,939) | (2,939) |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | 44,971 |
| Cash dividends declared (\$.26 per share) | | | | | (17,163) | | (17,163) |
| Awards of common stock under Incentive Stock Plan | 66 | 330 | 465 | (795) | | | |
| Amortization of restricted stock | | | | 825 | | | 825 |
| Cancellations of restricted stock | | | | 687 | | | 687 |
| 10% common share dividend | 4,877 | 24,388 | 5,787 | | (30,199) | | (24) |
| Issuance of common shares: | | | | | | | |
| Through exercise of stock options | 609 | 3,045 | 1,168 | | | | 4,213 |
| Through exercise of stock warrants | 14 | 70 | 43 | | | | 113 |
| Through employee stock awards | 25 | 125 | 167 | | | | 292 |
| Tax benefit relating to exercise of stock options and warrants and vesting of restricted stock | | | 1,555 | | | | 1,555 |
| Repurchase of common shares | (1,849) | (9,246) | (16,170) | | | | (25,416) |
| Balances at December 31, 2001 | 53,166 | 265,831 | 39,251 | (558) | 3,542 | (3,149) | 304,917 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | | | | 56,677 | | 56,677 |
| Unrealized holding gains on securities, net of \$4,222 income tax expense | | | | | | 7,840 | 7,840 |
| Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income, net of \$2,051 | | | | | | (3,808) | (3,808) |

income tax expense

Net unrealized gains on securities, net of tax

| | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | 60,709 |
| Cash dividends declared (\$.29 per share) | | | | (18,401) | | | (18,401) |
| Awards of common stock under Incentive Stock Plan | 137 | 685 | 1,007 | (1,692) | | | |
| Amortization of restricted stock | | | | 1,527 | | | 1,527 |
| Cancellations of restricted stock | | | | 355 | | | 355 |
| 10% common share dividend | 5,246 | 26,232 | 11,193 | (37,445) | | | (20) |
| Redemption of preferred stock of subsidiary | | | (1,531) | | | | (1,531) |
| Issuance of common shares: | | | | | | | |
| Through exercise of stock options | 351 | 1,755 | 838 | | | | 2,593 |
| Through exercise of stock warrants | 2 | 10 | 9 | | | | 19 |
| Through employee stock awards | 6 | 28 | 354 | | | | 382 |
| Tax benefit relating to exercise of stock options and warrants and vesting of restricted stock | | | 748 | | | | 748 |
| Repurchase of common shares | (1,467) | (7,334) | (11,236) | | | | (18,570) |
| Balances at December 31, 2002 | 57,441 | \$287,207 | \$ 40,633 | \$ (368) | \$ 4,373 | \$ 883 | \$332,728 |

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Republic Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries*****Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity (Continued)***

| | Number of Common | Common | Capital | Unearned Compensation Restricted | Retained | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income | Total Shareholders' |
|--|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| (In thousands, except per share data) | Shares | Stock | Surplus | Stock | Earnings | (Loss) | Equity |
| Balances at December 31, 2002 | 57,441 | \$287,207 | \$40,633 | \$ (368) | \$ 4,373 | \$ 883 | \$332,728 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | | | | 60,726 | | 60,726 |
| Unrealized holding losses on securities, net of \$139 income tax benefit | | | | | | (258) | (258) |
| Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income, net of \$767 income tax expense | | | | | | (1,423) | (1,423) |
| Net unrealized losses on securities, net of tax | | | | | | (1,681) | (1,681) |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | 59,045 |
| Cash dividends declared (\$.34 per share) | | | | | (21,289) | | (21,289) |
| Awards of common stock under Incentive Stock Plan | 268 | 1,342 | 1,960 | (3,302) | | | |
| Amortization of restricted stock | | | | 1,869 | | | 1,869 |
| Cancellations of restricted stock | | | | 135 | | | 135 |
| 10% common share dividend | 5,777 | 28,886 | 11,008 | | (39,917) | | (23) |
| Issuance of common shares: | | | | | | | |
| Through exercise of stock options | 1,139 | 5,695 | 3,475 | | | | 9,170 |
| Through exercise of stock warrants | 44 | 220 | 45 | | | | 265 |
| Through employee stock awards | 18 | 83 | 146 | | | | 229 |
| Impact of stock option expense | | | 4 | | | | 4 |
| Tax benefit relating to exercise of stock options and warrants and vesting of restricted stock | | | 2,309 | | | | 2,309 |
| Repurchase of common shares | (1,160) | (5,800) | (9,222) | | | | (15,022) |
| Balances at December 31, 2003 | 63,527 | \$317,633 | \$50,358 | \$ (1,666) | \$ 3,893 | \$ (798) | \$369,420 |

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Republic Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries**
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

| Year Ended December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 60,726 | \$ 56,677 | \$ 47,910 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 8,958 | 9,211 | 8,554 |
| Amortization and impairment of mortgage servicing rights | 1,159 | 1,194 | 20,433 |
| Net gains on sale of mortgage servicing rights | | | (21,521) |
| Net gains on sale of securities available for sale | (2,190) | (5,859) | (1,425) |
| Net gains on sale of loans | (3,545) | (6,444) | (3,697) |
| Net gain on sale of subsidiary | | | (12,000) |
| Proceeds from sale of mortgage loans held for sale | 3,078,308 | 2,736,693 | 4,074,133 |
| Origination of mortgage loans held for sale | (2,552,669) | (2,649,229) | (4,652,237) |
| Net (increase) decrease in other assets | (13,350) | 23,432 | 7,668 |
| Net increase (decrease) in other liabilities | (15,654) | (36,101) | 33,267 |
| Other, net | 4,442 | 7,071 | 705 |
| Total adjustments | 505,459 | 79,968 | (546,120) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 566,185 | 136,645 | (498,210) |
| Cash Flows From Investing Activities: | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of securities available for sale | 70,445 | 323,444 | 176,764 |
| Proceeds from maturities/payments of securities available for sale | 170,955 | 86,412 | 12,197 |
| Proceeds from maturities/principal payments of securities held to maturity | 1,072 | | |
| Purchases of securities available for sale | (679,770) | (283,209) | (344,303) |
| Purchases of securities held to maturity | (157,627) | | |
| Purchases/additions of bank owned life insurance | (16,500) | (85,000) | |
| Proceeds from sale of consumer loans | | | 39,485 |
| Proceeds from sale of commercial and residential real estate loans | 141,185 | 262,670 | 182,018 |
| Net (increase) decrease in loans made to customers | (634,579) | (449,614) | 95,395 |
| Proceeds from sale of subsidiary and payments received on related borrowings | | | 193,248 |

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| | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Proceeds from sale of mortgage servicing rights | 1,284 | | 96,994 |
| Additions to mortgage servicing rights | (1,115) | (1,506) | (49,768) |
| Premises and equipment expenditures | (5,546) | (3,335) | (3,501) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities | (1,110,196) | (150,138) | 398,529 |
| Cash Flows From Financing Activities: | | | |
| Net increase in total deposits | 37,676 | 34,804 | 24,942 |
| Sale of bank branch deposits | (10,679) | | |
| Net increase in short-term borrowings | 282,175 | 32,570 | 174,771 |
| Net decrease in short-term FHLB advances | (25,000) | (180,000) | (70,000) |
| Proceeds from long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | 366,450 | 192,952 | 160,000 |
| Payments on long-term FHLB advances | (82,667) | (5,727) | (172,795) |
| Payments on long-term debt | (13,500) | | (34,000) |
| Redemption of preferred stock of subsidiary | | (30,250) | |
| Net proceeds from issuance of trust preferred securities | | | 47,963 |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common shares | 12,970 | 4,687 | 5,411 |
| Repurchase of common shares | (15,022) | (18,570) | (25,416) |
| Dividends paid on common shares | (20,159) | (18,082) | (16,838) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 532,244 | 12,384 | 94,038 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (11,767) | (1,109) | (5,643) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 75,625 | 76,734 | 82,377 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | \$ 63,858 | \$ 75,625 | \$ 76,734 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:

Cash paid during the year for:

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Interest | \$ 122,576 | \$ 143,579 | \$ 201,900 |
| Income taxes | 25,795 | 23,615 | 27,832 |

Supplemental Schedule of Non-Cash

Investing Activities:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Portfolio loan charge-offs | \$ 9,523 | \$ 10,385 | \$ 8,967 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Republic Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Company) is a bank holding company headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Company has three primary lines of business: commercial banking, retail banking and mortgage banking. The Company's bank subsidiary, Republic Bank, offers financial products to consumers and businesses through its 93 retail, commercial and mortgage banking branches located in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana and a loan production office in Massachusetts.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and include the accounts of Republic Bancorp Inc. and its wholly-owned bank subsidiary, Republic Bank (including its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Quincy Investment Services, Inc., Republic Bank Real Estate Finance, LLC and Republic Management Company, Inc.). The consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows also include the operations of Republic Bank's 80% majority owned mortgage company subsidiary, Market Street Mortgage Corporation, through June 29, 2001, when the subsidiary was sold. Due to the date of such sale, the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 do not include Market Street Mortgage Corporation. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

On the consolidated balance sheets, Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) stock totaling \$78.5 million has been reclassified at December 31, 2002 from securities available for sale to Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost, to conform to the current period presentation.

Use of Estimates

Management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and accompanying notes, as well as the amounts of revenues and expenses reported during the periods covered by those financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Investment Securities

The Company's investment securities classified as available for sale are stated at fair market value with unrealized gains and losses, net of income taxes, reported as a component of shareholders' equity. Gains and losses on sales of securities are computed based on specific identification of the adjusted cost of each security and included in gains on sales of securities.

The Company's investment securities classified as held to maturity are stated at aggregate cost.

For mortgage portfolio loans securitized and retained as investment securities, the remaining net deferred fees or costs are treated as a discount or premium and recognized as an adjustment to the yield over the life of the security using the effective interest method. If the security is subsequently sold, any remaining net deferred fees or costs are treated as part of the cost basis in determining the gain or loss on sale of the security.

Mortgage Loans Held for Sale

Mortgage loans held for sale are carried at the lower of aggregate cost or market. The cost basis of mortgage loans held for sale is adjusted by loan origination and commitment fees and certain direct loan origination costs. The value of mortgage loans held for sale is hedged by utilizing mandatory forward commitments to sell loans to investors in the secondary market. Such forward commitments are generally entered into at the time when applications are taken to protect the value of the mortgage loans from increases in interest rates during the period held. Mortgage loans originated are generally sold within a period of 30 to 60 days after closing, therefore, the related fees and costs are not amortized during that period.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Loans

Loans are stated at the principal amount outstanding, net of unearned income. Interest income earned on all loans is accrued daily. Loans for which the accrual of interest has been discontinued are designated as non-accrual loans. Commercial loans are placed on non-accrual status at the time the loan is 90 or more days past due, unless the loan is well-secured and in the process of collection. Residential real estate mortgage loans and installment loans are placed in non-accrual status at the time the loan is four scheduled payments past due or 90 days or more past the maturity date of the loan. In all cases, loans may be placed on non-accrual status when, in the opinion of management, reasonable doubt exists as to the full, timely collection of interest or principal. All interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on non-accrual status is reversed and charged against current income. Any interest payments subsequently received on non-accrual loans are applied against the principal balance. Loans are considered restructured when the Company makes certain concessions to a financially troubled debtor that would not normally be considered.

Loan origination and commitment fees and certain direct loan origination costs are deferred and recognized over the life of the related loan as an adjustment to the yield on the loan.

SFAS No. 114, *Accounting By Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*, as amended by SFAS 118, considers a loan impaired when it is probable that payment of principal and interest will not be collected in accordance with the contractual terms of the original loan agreement. Consistent with this definition, all non-accrual and restructured loans (with the exception of residential mortgage and consumer installment loans) are considered impaired. An impaired loan for which it is deemed necessary to record a specific allocated allowance may be written down to the fair value of the underlying collateral via a direct charge-off against the allowance for loan losses at the time it is determined the loan balance exceeds the fair value of the collateral. Consequently, those impaired loans not requiring a specific allocated allowance represent loans for which the fair value of the underlying collateral equaled or exceeded the recorded investment in the loan. All impaired loans were evaluated using the fair value of the underlying collateral as the measurement method.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses represents the Company's estimate of probable credit losses related to specifically identified loans as well as probable credit losses inherent in the remainder of the loan portfolio that have been incurred as of the balance sheet date. The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level the Company believes is adequate through additions to the provision for loan losses. An appropriate level of the risk allocated allowance is determined based on the application of risk percentages to graded loans by categories. Specific reserves are established for individual loans when deemed necessary by management. In addition, management considers other factors when determining the unallocated allowance, including loan quality, changes in the size and character of the loan portfolio, consultation with regulatory authorities, amount of nonperforming loans, delinquency trends and economic conditions and industry trends.

Due to the inherent risks and uncertainties related to the operation of a financial institution, management must depend on estimates, appraisals and evaluations of loans to prepare the Company's financial statements. Changes in economic conditions and the financial prospects of borrowers may result in abrupt changes to the estimates, appraisals or evaluations used. In addition, if actual circumstances and losses differ substantially from management's assumptions and estimates, the allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to absorb all future losses, and net income could be

adversely impacted.

Each element of the risk allocated allowance for December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 was determined by applying the following risk percentages to each grade of loan: Pass from .10% to 1.25%, depending on category of loans classified as Superior, High, Satisfactory and Moderate; Monitor from 2.5% to 5%; Watch from 3.75% to 10%; Substandard from 5% to 20%; Doubtful 50%; and Loss 100%. The risk percentages were developed by the Company in consultation with regulatory authorities, actual loss experience, peer group loss experience and are adjusted for current economic conditions. The risk percentages are considered by management to be a prudent measurement of the risk associated with the Company's loan portfolio. Such risk percentages are applied to individual loans based on loan type. Non-accrual loans are included in the substandard and doubtful classification in the Company's risk rating methodology.

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The Company reviews each delinquent commercial loan on a bi-weekly basis. Grades for commercial loans are assigned based upon review of such factors such as debt service coverage, collateral value, financial condition of the borrower, experience and reputation of management and payment history. Delinquent mortgage and installment loans are reviewed monthly and assigned a rating based on their payment status. In addition, the Commercial Loan Review Committee will, on a monthly basis, conduct reviews of certain individual loans exceeding \$250,000 that have not exhibited delinquency trends. These reviews assign a current risk rating based on management's understanding of the financial condition of the borrower and collateral values.

Based upon these reviews, the Company determines the grade for its loan portfolio on a monthly basis and computes the allocation for allowance for loan losses. These reviews provide a mechanism that results in loans being graded in the proper category and accordingly, assigned the proper risk loss percentage in computing the risk allocated or specific allocated allowance.

Premises and Equipment

Premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Amortization of leasehold improvements is computed on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the estimated useful lives of the related assets or the remaining lease terms. Long-lived assets held for use, held for disposal and goodwill are measured for impairment and are accounted for under the provisions of SFAS No. 121, *Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of*. In October 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, which was effective January 1, 2002. The adoption of SFAS 144 had no impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

Goodwill and Core Deposit Intangibles

The excess of cost over the fair value of net assets acquired is included in other assets and prior to January 1, 2002 was amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. Core deposit intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of 10 to 15 years. Effective January 1, 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. Under the provisions of SFAS 142, goodwill is no longer ratably amortized, but reviewed annually for impairment. Core deposit intangibles continue to be amortized. See Note 8 for a summary of the Company's core deposit intangibles and goodwill.

Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the tax and financial statement basis of assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. A valuation allowance is established to the extent current available evidence about future events raise doubt about the future realization of a deferred tax asset. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enacted date.

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share include any dilutive effects of options and warrants.

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Stock-Based Compensation

Effective January 1, 2003, the Company adopted the fair value method of recording stock options under SFAS 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. In accordance with the transitional guidance of SFAS 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensations-Transition and Disclosure*, the fair value method of accounting for stock options will be applied prospectively to awards granted subsequent to January 1, 2003. As permitted, options granted prior to January 1, 2003 will continue to be accounted for under Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, using the intrinsic value method for its employee stock compensation plans. Therefore, the pro forma impact of accounting for these options at fair value will continue to be disclosed in the consolidated financial statements until the last of those options vest in 2006. The Company uses the Black-Scholes model to estimate option values. See Note 16 for further information concerning stock-based compensation.

During 2003, the Company generally issued restricted stock in lieu of stock option grants. As a result, the GAAP income statement impact associated with expensing stock options during 2003 was immaterial. The Company continues to recognize compensation expense for restricted stock over the vesting period in accordance with APB Opinion No. 25. Such expense is included in salaries and employee benefits expense on the consolidated statements of income. The unamortized portion of restricted stock totaled \$1.7 million and \$368,000 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and is a reduction to capital surplus.

Statements of Cash Flows

For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, amounts due from banks, interest-earning deposits with banks, federal funds sold and other short-term investments with maturities less than 90 days.

Note 2. Divestitures

On June 29, 2001, the Company sold its 80% majority-owned subsidiary, Market Street Mortgage Corporation to NetBank, Inc. The Company received \$4.9 million in cash and NetBank stock valued at \$17.6 million. During the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company sold its entire investment in NetBank, Inc. stock for total proceeds of \$17.2 million. In total, the Company received \$22.1 million in consideration for the sale of Market Street. Net of the Company's investment in the subsidiary and transaction costs, the Company's pre-tax gain on the sale of Market Street was \$12 million.

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Information regarding the Company's investment securities portfolio follows:

| (In thousands) | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Estimated Fair Value |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Securities Available For Sale: | | | | |
| December 31, 2003: | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury and Government agency securities | \$238,979 | \$ 215 | \$ 476 | \$238,718 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | 89,224 | 70 | 336 | 88,958 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 76,580 | 556 | 11 | 77,125 |
| Municipal and other securities | 203,894 | 2,009 | 3,254 | 202,649 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total securities available for sale | <u>\$608,677</u> | <u>\$ 2,850</u> | <u>\$ 4,077</u> | <u>\$607,450</u> |
| December 31, 2002: | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury and Government agency securities | \$ 43,615 | \$ 91 | \$ 22 | \$ 43,684 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | 46,482 | 185 | 507 | 46,160 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 6,131 | 150 | 39 | 6,242 |
| Municipal and other securities | 72,870 | 1,552 | 52 | 74,370 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total securities available for sale | <u>\$169,098</u> | <u>\$ 1,978</u> | <u>\$ 620</u> | <u>\$170,456</u> |
| Securities Held To Maturity: | | | | |
| December 31, 2003: | | | | |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | \$133,882 | \$ 977 | \$ 566 | \$134,293 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 22,673 | 131 | 30 | 22,774 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total securities held to maturity | <u>\$156,555</u> | <u>\$ 1,108</u> | <u>\$ 596</u> | <u>\$157,067</u> |

The amortized cost and estimated market value of investment securities at December 31, 2003, by contractual maturity, are shown on the following table. Expected maturities for mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations. Collateral for all mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations is guaranteed by

U.S. Government agencies.

| | Due Within One Year | | One to Five Years | | Five to Ten Years | | After Ten Years | | Total | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Estimated | | Estimated | | Estimated | | Estimated | | Estimated | |
| December 31, 2003 | Amortized | Market | Amortized | Market | Amortized | Market | Amortized | Market | Amortized | Market |
| (Dollars in thousands) | Cost | Value | Cost | Value | Cost | Value | Cost | Value | Cost | Value |
| Securities Available | | | | | | | | | | |
| For Sale: | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury and Government agency securities | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$64,064 | \$64,051 | \$174,915 | \$174,667 | \$238,979 | \$238,718 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾ | | | 89,224 | 88,958 | | | | | 89,224 | 88,958 |
| Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾ | | | 76,580 | 77,125 | | | | | 76,580 | 77,125 |
| Municipal and other securities | 11 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 14,798 | 15,014 | 189,074 | 187,612 | 203,894 | 202,649 |
| | <u>11</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>14,798</u> | <u>15,014</u> | <u>189,074</u> | <u>187,612</u> | <u>203,894</u> | <u>202,649</u> |
| Total securities available for sale | \$11 | \$11 | \$165,815 | \$166,095 | \$78,862 | \$79,065 | \$363,989 | \$362,279 | \$608,677 | \$607,450 |
| | <u>\$11</u> | <u>\$11</u> | <u>\$165,815</u> | <u>\$166,095</u> | <u>\$78,862</u> | <u>\$79,065</u> | <u>\$363,989</u> | <u>\$362,279</u> | <u>\$608,677</u> | <u>\$607,450</u> |
| Securities Held To | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maturity: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | \$ | \$128,954 | \$129,316 | \$ 4,928 | \$ 4,977 | \$ | \$ | \$133,882 | \$134,293 |
| Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾ | | | 22,673 | 22,774 | | | | | 22,673 | 22,774 |
| | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u>22,673</u> | <u>22,774</u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u></u> | <u>22,673</u> | <u>22,774</u> |
| Total securities held to maturity | \$ | \$ | \$151,627 | \$152,090 | \$ 4,928 | \$ 4,977 | \$ | \$ | \$156,555 | \$157,067 |
| | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$151,627</u> | <u>\$152,090</u> | <u>\$ 4,928</u> | <u>\$ 4,977</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$156,555</u> | <u>\$157,067</u> |

⁽¹⁾ Maturity distributions for collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities are based on estimated average lives. The average yield presented represents the current yield on these securities calculated using amortized cost.

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The following table summarizes the composition of investment securities which have unrealized losses at December 31, 2003. The table distinguishes between those securities which have been in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than 12 months versus 12 months or greater.

| December 31, 2003 (Dollars in thousands) | Less Than 12 Months | | 12 Months or More | | Total | |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss |
| Securities Available For Sale: | | | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury and government agency securities | \$ 146,424 | \$ 476 | \$ 755 | \$ 11 | \$ 147,179 | \$ 487 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | 68,469 | 266 | 10,121 | 70 | 78,590 | 336 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | | | | | | |
| Municipal and other securities | 100,950 | 3,254 | | | 100,950 | 3,254 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total temporarily impaired securities available for sale | \$ 315,843 | \$ 3,996 | \$ 10,876 | \$ 81 | \$ 326,719 | \$ 4,077 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Securities Held To Maturity: | | | | | | |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | \$ 38,699 | \$ 566 | \$ | \$ | \$ 38,699 | \$ 566 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 4,875 | 30 | | | 4,875 | 30 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total temporarily impaired securities held to maturity | \$ 43,574 | \$ 596 | \$ | \$ | \$ 43,574 | \$ 596 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

The Company believes that the unrealized losses in the table above are temporary. At December 31, 2003, all of the unrealized losses in the securities portfolio were comprised of securities guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies, investment grade municipalities and private label securities rated AAA by the major rating agencies. The Company believes that the price movements in these securities are dependent upon the movement in market interest rates, particularly given the negligible inherent credit risk for these securities. Five debt securities with unrealized losses totaling \$81,000 have been in a continuous unrealized loss position for more than 12 months, and all of the remaining securities have been in an unrealized loss position for less than six months. The Company has the ability and intent to hold all securities that are in an unrealized loss position until maturity or market price recovery.

Sales of investment securities resulted in the following realized gains and losses:

| Year Ended December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Proceeds from sales | \$70,445 | \$323,444 | \$176,764 |
| Realized gains (losses): | | | |
| Securities gains | \$ 2,228 | \$ 6,156 | \$ 1,809 |
| Securities losses | (38) | (297) | (384) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net gain on sales of securities | \$ 2,190 | \$ 5,859 | \$ 1,425 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Certain securities with a carrying value of \$418.4 million and \$76.9 million at December 31, 2003 and 2002 respectively, were pledged to secure FHLB advances, reverse repurchase agreements and public deposits as required by law.

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Information regarding the Company's loan portfolio follows:

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Commercial: | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$ 38,319 | \$ 48,509 |
| Real estate construction | 247,393 | 250,546 |
| Commercial real estate mortgages | 1,235,421 | 1,170,212 |
| Total commercial loans | 1,521,133 | 1,469,267 |
| Residential real estate mortgages | 2,014,809 | 1,593,929 |
| Installment loans | 621,572 | 593,347 |
| Total loans, net of unearned income | \$4,157,514 | \$3,656,543 |

A geographic concentration exists within the Company's loan portfolio since most portfolio lending activity is conducted in Michigan and Ohio. At December 31, 2003, approximately 79% of outstanding portfolio loans were concentrated in Michigan and 14% were in Ohio. At December 31, 2003, there were no aggregate loan concentrations of 10% or more of total portfolio loans to any particular industry.

Note 5. Allowance for Loan Losses and Impaired Loans

An analysis of changes in the allowance for loan losses follows:

| Year Ended December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance at beginning of year | \$36,077 | \$ 29,157 | \$28,450 |
| Loans charged off | (9,523) | (10,385) | (8,967) |
| Recoveries on loans previously charged off | 1,717 | 1,305 | 974 |
| Net loans charged off | (7,806) | (9,080) | (7,993) |
| Provision for loan losses | 12,000 | 16,000 | 8,700 |

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| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Balance at end of year | \$40,271 | \$ 36,077 | \$29,157 |
| Amount of balance at end of year: | | | |
| Related to impaired loans | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Related to all other loans | \$40,271 | \$ 36,077 | \$29,157 |

SFAS No. 114, *Accounting By Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*, as amended by SFAS 118, considers a loan impaired when it is probable that payment of principal and interest will not be collected in accordance with the contractual terms of the original loan agreement. Consistent with this definition, all non-accrual and restructured loans (with the exception of residential mortgage and consumer installment loans) are considered impaired.

The following impaired loans were included in non-performing loans, which totaled \$39.7 million and \$39.6 million at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively:

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average recorded investment in impaired loans for the year | \$20,867 | \$13,909 | \$6,677 |
| Gross recorded investment in impaired loans (year-end) | \$27,666 | \$21,476 | \$6,413 |
| Impaired loans requiring a specific allocated allowance | | | |
| Specific impairment allowance | | | |
| Interest income recognized on impaired loans | \$ 738 | \$ 679 | \$ 526 |

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An impaired loan for which it is deemed necessary to record a specific allocated allowance may be written down to the fair value of the underlying collateral via a direct charge-off against the allowance for loan losses at the time it is determined the loan balance exceeds the fair value of the collateral. Consequently, those impaired loans not requiring a specific allocated allowance represent loans for which the fair value of the underlying collateral equaled or exceeded the recorded investment in the loan. All impaired loans were evaluated using the fair value of the underlying collateral as the measurement method.

Note 6. Federal Home Loan Bank Stock

As a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Indianapolis, the Company is required to own capital stock in the FHLB. The carrying value of the stock is at cost, or par. All transactions in the capital stock of the FHLB are executed at par. The balance of FHLB stock was \$80.5 million and \$78.5 million at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The company earned an average dividend on the FHLB stock of 4.99% and 6.05% during 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Note 7. Premises and Equipment

Premises and equipment consisted of the following:

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Land | \$ 3,301 | \$ 3,384 |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 51,195 | 48,129 |
| Buildings and improvements | 28,280 | 27,657 |
| | 82,776 | 79,170 |
| Less accumulated amortization and depreciation | (55,848) | (51,380) |
| Premises and equipment | \$ 26,928 | \$ 27,790 |

The Company leases certain office facilities under lease agreements that expire at various dates. In some cases, these leases offer renewal options and require that the Company pay for insurance, maintenance and taxes. Rental expense under all operating leases charged to operations during the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 totaled \$5.4 million, \$5.7 million and \$5.7 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2003, the future aggregate minimum lease payments required under noncancellable operating leases are as follows:

| Year Ending (In thousands) | Operating Lease Payments |
|---|---|
| 2004 | \$ 4,629 |
| 2005 | 3,804 |
| 2006 | 3,147 |
| 2007 | 2,311 |
| 2008 | 1,790 |
| 2009 and thereafter | 4,263 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total minimum lease payments required | \$ 19,944 |
| | <hr/> |

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Upon adoption of SFAS 142 on January 1, 2002, the Company ceased amortizing its goodwill. The goodwill balance at December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$1.2 million. Goodwill amortization during the year ended December 31, 2001 was not material.

The following table summarized the Company's core deposit intangible asset which is subject to amortization:

| December 31, (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Core Deposit Intangible Asset: | | |
| Gross carrying amount | \$10,475 | \$10,475 |
| Accumulated amortization | 5,897 | 4,907 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net book value | \$ 4,578 | \$ 5,568 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Amortization expense on the core deposit intangible asset total \$990,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001. As of December 31, 2003, the future core deposit intangible amortization expense is as follows:

| Year Ending (In thousands) | Amortization Expense |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2004 | \$ 990 |
| 2005 | 936 |
| 2006 | 823 |
| 2007 | 823 |
| 2008 | 663 |
| 2009 and thereafter | 343 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amortization required | \$4,578 |
| | <hr/> |

Note 9. Bank Owned Life Insurance

On July 31, 2002, Republic Bank purchased \$85 million of separate account bank owned life insurance to fund future employee benefit costs. During 2003, the Company added \$16.5 million to the Non-Modified Endowment Contract policy portion of the bank owned life insurance. The Non-Modified Endowment Contract policy allows for additional investments in each of the next five years without increasing the face amount of the insurance policy or

requiring the participation of more employees. Increases in the cash surrender value resulting from investment returns are recorded in noninterest income.

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Short-term borrowings were as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Ending Balance | Average Rate At Year-End | Average Balance | Average Rate During Year | Maximum Month-End Balance |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| December 31, 2003 | | | | | |
| Federal funds purchased | \$313,000 | 1.12% | \$280,745 | 1.21% | \$326,500 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 177,745 | 1.00 | 56,637 | 0.91 | 177,745 |
| Other short-term borrowings | 500 | 0.75 | 339 | 0.90 | 500 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total short-term borrowings | \$491,245 | 1.08% | \$337,721 | 1.16% | \$504,745 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| December 31, 2002 | | | | | |
| Federal funds purchased | \$208,500 | 1.31% | \$201,621 | 1.77% | \$241,500 |
| Other short-term borrowings | 570 | 1.00 | 508 | 1.38 | 824 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total short-term borrowings | \$209,070 | 1.31% | \$202,129 | 1.77% | \$242,324 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Federal funds purchased mature within one day following the transaction date. At December 31, 2003, Republic Bank had \$229.5 million of unused lines of credit available with third parties for federal funds purchased. Short-term reverse repurchase agreements are secured by certain securities with a carrying value of \$187.6 million. Other short-term borrowings at December 31, 2003 and 2002 were comprised of treasury, tax and loan demand notes.

In December 2000, the Company entered into a \$30 million revolving credit agreement with a third party with a floating interest rate based on LIBOR. There were no advances outstanding under the agreement at December 31, 2003 or 2002. The agreement expires on December 26, 2004.

Note 11. Short-Term FHLB Advances

Short-term FHLB advances were as follows:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Ending Balance | Average Rate At Year-End | Average Balance | Average Rate During Year | Maximum Month-End Balance |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--|
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--|

December 31, 2003

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Short-term FHLB advances | \$280,000 | 1.19% | \$266,126 | 1.38% | \$490,000 |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|

December 31, 2002

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Short-term FHLB advances | \$305,000 | 1.33% | \$248,814 | 2.55% | \$450,000 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|

Republic Bank routinely borrows short-term advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) to fund mortgage loans held for sale and a portion of the investment securities portfolio. These advances are generally secured under a blanket security agreement by first mortgage loans and investment securities with an aggregate book value equal to at least 145% of the advances. Republic Bank had \$193.5 million available in unused borrowings with the FHLB at December 31, 2003.

Table of Contents***Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*****Note 12. Long-Term FHLB Advances And Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

Long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements outstanding as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 are presented below. Classifications are based on original maturities.

| December 31 (Dollars in thousands) | 2003 | | 2002 | |
|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| | Ending Balance | Average Rate at Year-End | Ending Balance | Average Rate at Year-End |
| Long-term FHLB advances | \$1,090,276 | 5.02% | \$1,002,943 | 5.30% |
| Long-term reverse repurchase agreements | 196,450 | 2.67 | | |
| Total long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | \$1,286,726 | 4.66% | \$1,002,943 | 5.30% |

Republic Bank routinely utilizes long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements to provide funding to minimize the interest rate risk associated with certain fixed rate commercial and residential mortgage portfolio loans and investment securities. The long-term FHLB advances are generally secured under a blanket security agreement by first mortgage loans and investment securities with an aggregate book value equal to at least 145% of the advances. The long-term reverse repurchase agreements are secured by certain securities with a carrying value of \$207.4 million.

The principal maturities of long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements outstanding at December 31, 2003 are as follows:

| (In thousands) | Amount |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2004 | \$ 37,500 |
| 2005 | 131,353 |
| 2006 | 141,630 |
| 2007 | 198,485 |
| 2008 | 126,440 |
| 2009 and thereafter | 651,318 |
| Total | \$1,286,726 |

Note 13. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following:

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Subordinated notes, interest at 8.60% payable quarterly, maturing 2031 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Senior debentures, interest at 6.95% payable semi-annually, maturing 2003 | | 13,500 |
| Total long-term debt | \$50,000 | \$63,500 |

In October 2001, Republic Capital Trust I (Trust), a Delaware business trust and then newly-formed subsidiary of the Company, issued \$50 million of 8.60% Cumulative Trust Preferred Securities (liquidation preference of \$25 per preferred security). The trust preferred securities must be redeemed on December 31, 2031, however, the Company has the option to redeem the securities at par any time on or after December 31, 2006, subject to regulatory approval. The preferred securities trade on The NASDAQ Stock Market® under the symbol RBNCP. The Company used the net proceeds for general corporate purposes, for working capital and for repurchases of its common stock. The Trust relies solely on the interest payments made by the Company on the subordinated debentures issued by the Company to the Trust. During 2003 and 2002, Republic Capital Trust I utilized the interest received by the Company and declared and paid preferred dividends totaling \$4.3 million.

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Note 13. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Effective December 31, 2003, the Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 46, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities* (FIN46). FIN 46 required the Company to reclassify its trust preferred securities balance of \$50 million and the previously outstanding preferred stock of subsidiary, as subordinated debt and the dividends paid on its trust preferred securities and preferred stock of subsidiary as interest expense. In prior periods, dividends on trust preferred securities and preferred stock of subsidiary were classified as a component of noninterest expense. All prior periods have been restated to reflect the adoption of FIN 46.

The 6.95% Senior Debentures of \$13.5 million matured and were paid in full on January 15, 2003.

D&N Capital Corporation, (D&N Capital) was a Delaware corporation incorporated on March 18, 1997 for the purpose of acquiring and holding real estate assets and was a Real Estate Investment Trust. Republic Bank owned all shares of common stock of D&N Capital. On July 17, 1997, D&N Capital sold 1.21 million shares of its 9.0% Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series A with a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share. On June 4, 2002, the Board of Directors of D&N Capital approved the redemption of its 9.0% Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series A. The Company redeemed all 1.21 million issued and outstanding shares at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued dividends of \$0.1375 per share, for cash on July 22, 2002. During 2002, D&N Capital utilized interest received by the Company and declared and paid preferred dividends totaling \$1.53 million.

Note 14. Shareholders' Equity

On October 16, 2003, the Board of Directors declared a 10% stock dividend distributed on December 1, 2003 to shareholders of record on November 7, 2003. On October 17, 2002, the Board of Directors declared a 10% stock dividend distributed on December 2, 2002 to shareholders of record on November 8, 2002. On October 18, 2001, the Board of Directors declared a 10% stock dividend distributed on December 3, 2001 to shareholders of record on November 9, 2001. Share amounts for all periods presented have been adjusted to reflect the issuance of stock dividends.

The Company repurchased 1,160,000, 1,467,000, and 1,849,000 shares of common stock in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. On February 15, 2001, the Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program authorizing the repurchase of up to 1,100,000 shares of the Company's outstanding common shares. On October 18, 2001, the Board of Directors amended the 2001 Stock Repurchase Program to allow for the repurchase of up to 3,300,000 shares. This program was further amended on October 17, 2002 by the Board of Directors to allow for the repurchase of 4,300,000 shares. On July 17, 2003, the Board of Directors approved the 2003 Stock Repurchase Program authorizing the repurchase of up to 2,200,000 shares. The 2003 Stock Repurchase Program will commence at the conclusion of the 2001 Program. As of December 31, 2003, there were 2,200,000 and 8,000 shares available for repurchase under the 2003 and 2001 Programs, respectively.

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The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

| Year Ended December 31 (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | 2003⁽¹⁾ | 2002⁽¹⁾ | 2001⁽¹⁾ |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share: | | | |
| Net income | <u>\$ 60,726</u> | <u>\$ 56,677</u> | <u>\$ 47,910</u> |
| Denominator: | | | |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share-weighted-average shares | 63,278,076 | 63,984,960 | 65,612,197 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Employee stock options | 825,212 | 871,427 | 898,245 |
| Warrants | <u>68,350</u> | <u>70,904</u> | <u>63,775</u> |
| Dilutive potential common shares | 893,562 | 942,331 | 962,020 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share-adjusted weighted-average shares for assumed conversions | <u>64,171,638</u> | <u>64,927,291</u> | <u>66,574,217</u> |
| Basic earnings per share | <u>\$.96</u> | <u>\$.89</u> | <u>\$.73</u> |
| Diluted earnings per share | <u>\$.95</u> | <u>\$.87</u> | <u>\$.72</u> |

⁽¹⁾ Share amounts for all periods presented have been adjusted to reflect the issuance of stock dividends.

Note 16. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company maintains various stock-based compensation plans that provide for its ability to grant stock options, stock warrants and restricted shares to selected employees and directors. See Note 1 for the Company's accounting policies relating to stock-based compensation.

Stock Options

The Company awards stock options to officers and key employees under the 1998 Stock Option Plan (1998 Plan) and the 1997 Stock Option Plan (1997 Plan). The 1998 Plan, which was approved by the Company's shareholders and adopted effective February 19, 1998, and amended April 26, 2000, authorizes the issuance of up to 3,477,237 options to purchase common shares at exercise prices equal to the market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Of the 3,477,237 options to purchase common shares under the 1998 Stock Option Plan, up to 1,610,510

options may be issued pursuant to options which may be granted under the Voluntary Management Stock Accumulation Program which was also approved by the Company's shareholders and adopted effective February 19, 1998. Options are exercisable according to a four-year vesting schedule whereby 25% vest annually, based on the one through four year anniversary of the grant date. Options granted pursuant to the Voluntary Management Stock Accumulation Program fully vest after the third anniversary date of the option grant date. All options have a maximum contractual life of ten years from the date of grant. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, options available for future grant under the 1998 Stock Option Plan totaled 861,415 and 801,761, respectively. Options available for future grant under the 1997 Stock Option Plan totaled 370,224 and 364,540 at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

D&N Financial Corporation previously had shareholder approved stock option plans authorizing the issuance of up to 2,430,428 options to purchase common shares. The term on any option does not exceed ten years from the date of grant. At the merger consummation date of May 17, 1999, 1,475,732 issued options, adjusted for the exchange, remained outstanding under the plans. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, there were no options available for future grant as the D&N Financial Corporation plans were discontinued upon consummation of the merger with the Company.

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The following table presents stock option activity for the years indicated:

| | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Year Ended December 31 | Number of Options | Weighted-Average Exercise Price | Number of Options | Weighted-Average Exercise Price | Number of Options | Weighted-Average Exercise Price |
| Outstanding at beginning of year | 4,216,267 | \$ 7.85 | 4,373,999 | \$ 7.49 | 4,790,663 | \$ 6.86 |
| Granted | 7,529 | 12.08 | 478,726 | 9.86 | 624,444 | 9.51 |
| Exercised | (1,246,187) | 7.36 | (421,519) | 6.15 | (789,220) | 5.29 |
| Canceled | (72,811) | 9.27 | (214,939) | 8.15 | (251,888) | 7.63 |
| Outstanding at end of year | <u>2,904,798</u> | <u>\$ 8.03</u> | <u>4,216,267</u> | <u>\$ 7.85</u> | <u>4,373,999</u> | <u>\$ 7.49</u> |

Additional information regarding stock options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2003 is provided in the following table:

| | Options Outstanding | | | Options Exercisable | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Range of Exercise Prices | Number Of Shares Outstanding | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number Of Shares Exercisable | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| \$2.345 - \$ 5.583 | 407,478 | 2.76 | \$ 4.832 | 407,478 | \$ 4.832 |
| \$5.814 - \$ 7.314 | 371,340 | 5.44 | 6.915 | 350,768 | 6.973 |
| \$7.599 - \$ 7.606 | 467,724 | 5.57 | 7.602 | 394,611 | 7.603 |
| \$7.645 - \$ 7.762 | 291,682 | 5.21 | 7.717 | 291,682 | 7.717 |
| \$7.878 - \$ 9.438 | 353,761 | 4.15 | 9.031 | 353,761 | 9.031 |
| \$9.439 - \$ 9.439 | 119,063 | 7.16 | 9.439 | | |
| \$9.485 - \$ 9.485 | 350,847 | 7.13 | 9.485 | 159,579 | 9.485 |
| \$9.500 - \$ 9.686 | 127,264 | 4.39 | 9.566 | 127,264 | 9.566 |
| \$9.851 - \$ 9.851 | 381,946 | 8.14 | 9.851 | 83,178 | 9.851 |
| \$9.935 - \$12.509 | 33,693 | 7.09 | 10.709 | 16,953 | 10.224 |

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <u>\$2.345 - \$12.509</u> | <u>2,904,798</u> | <u>5.51</u> | <u>\$ 8.032</u> | <u>2,185,274</u> | <u>\$ 7.589</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|

At December 31, 2003, 2002, and 2001, options for 2,185,274, 2,410,754 and 2,695,255 shares of common stock, respectively, were exercisable.

Voluntary Management Stock Accumulation Program

Under the Voluntary Management Stock Accumulation Program, the Company offers to officers and key employees the right to acquire shares of the Company's common stock at fair market value; and if shares are so acquired under the Program, the officer or key employee is granted two tandem stock options, exercisable at the current fair market value, for every one share purchased. This Program authorizes up to 201,314 common shares per year for sale as program shares, subject to an overall maximum of 805,255 shares while the Program is in effect. Consequently, an annual maximum of 402,628 common shares is authorized for tandem stock options (subject to an overall maximum of 1,610,510 stock option shares issued from the 1998 Stock Option Plan). The participant's purchased shares may not be sold, transferred, encumbered or otherwise disposed of for a three year period so long as employed by the Company. Options granted pursuant to the Voluntary Management Stock Accumulation Program fully vest and are exercisable only after the lapsing of the third anniversary of the option grant date. All options have a maximum contractual life of ten years from the date of grant. Common shares and tandem stock options available for future grant totaled 247,260 and 494,520, respectively at December 31, 2003 and 2002.

Table of Contents***Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*****Note 16. Stock-Based Compensation (Continued)*****Stock Warrants***

The Company has a Director Compensation Plan that was approved by its shareholders and provides for its ability to issue 1,500 warrants annually to each of the Company's outside directors. Stock warrants were granted at exercise prices equal to the market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, were immediately exercisable, and had maximum contractual lives of ten years. In 2003, in lieu of warrants, an annual retainer of \$10,000 payable in common stock was issued to each director, compared to total warrants issued of 29,040 and 33,940 in 2002 and 2001, respectively. At December 31, 2003, 257,174 warrants were outstanding with exercise prices ranging from \$4.34 to \$12.07.

Incentive Stock Plan

The Company's Incentive Stock Plan, which was approved by the Company's shareholders, authorizes the grant of restricted common shares so that the total number of restricted shares that may be outstanding at any time under the Plan shall not exceed five percent of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Company. At December 31, 2003, the maximum number of authorized shares allowed for grant totaled 3,176,335. Restriction periods for these shares exist for a period of one to four years. Restricted shares are forfeited if employment is terminated before the restriction period expires. As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, 333,186 and 248,515 common shares, respectively, have been awarded and are still subject to restrictions under the Incentive Stock Plan. Compensation expense is recognized over the restriction period and included in salaries and employee benefits expense in the consolidated statements of income. Compensation expense for restricted stock totaled \$1.9 million in 2003, \$1.5 million in 2002 and \$825,000 in 2001. The unamortized portion of restricted stock is included as a component of shareholders' equity in the consolidated balance sheets. In 2003, 295,314 restricted shares were issued, compared to 166,189 in 2002 and 84,922 in 2001. The weighted average grant-date fair value of restricted shares issued in 2003 was \$11.18.

Stock-Based Compensation Plan Summary Information

The following table presents all stock-based compensation plans that were previously approved by security holders at December 31, 2003:

| | (a) | | (c) |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
| | Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options and Warrants | (b) | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) ⁽¹⁾ |
| Compensation Plan | | Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Options and Warrants | |

| | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders | 3,161,972 | \$ 7.99 | 4,365,069 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | | | |
| Total | 3,161,972 | \$ 7.99 | 4,365,069 |

- ⁽¹⁾ Of the equity securities listed in this column, 2,843,149 are shares issuable under the Incentive Stock Plan, 290,281 are warrants and shares issuable under the Director Compensation Plan, 861,415 are options issuable under the 1998 Stock Option Plan (which includes 494,520 options issuable under the Voluntary Management Stock Accumulation Program), and 370,224 are options issuable under the 1997 Stock Option Plan. The number of shares available for issuance under the Incentive Stock Plan is based on a formula and at any time is equal to 5% of the issued and outstanding stock of Republic.

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For purposes of providing the pro forma disclosures of net income and earnings per share required by SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, the fair value of stock options and stock warrants was estimated as of the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The following weighted average assumptions were used in the option pricing model for the year ending December 31, 2003: an expected volatility factor of 42.7%; an expected dividend yield of 2.75%; a risk-free interest rate of 2.76%; and an expected life of the option of 4.7 years. The weighted average grant-date fair value of stock options and stock warrants granted during each of the years 2003, 2002 and 2001 was \$3.77, \$3.50 and \$3.63 per share, respectively.

The following table presents net income and earnings per share had compensation cost for the Company's stock based compensation plans been determined in accordance with SFAS 123 for all outstanding and unvested awards for the years indicated:

| Year Ended December 31 (In thousands, except per share data) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net income (as reported) | \$60,726 | \$56,677 | \$47,910 |
| Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects | 1,218 | 993 | 505 |
| Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects | (1,986) | (2,116) | (1,597) |
| Net income (pro forma) | \$59,958 | \$55,554 | \$46,818 |
| Basic earnings per share (as reported) | \$.96 | \$.89 | \$.73 |
| Basic earnings per share (pro forma) | .95 | .87 | .71 |
| Diluted earnings per share (as reported) | \$.95 | \$.87 | \$.72 |
| Diluted earnings per share (pro forma) | .93 | .86 | .70 |

Note 17. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company maintains a 401(k) plan for its employees. The employer contributions to this defined contribution plan are determined annually by the Board of Directors. Contribution expenses for the 401(k) plan for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 totaled \$1.9 million, \$1.4 million and \$2.0 million, respectively.

Note 18. Other Noninterest Expense

The two largest components of other noninterest expense were as follows:

Year Ended December 31

| (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| State income taxes | \$3,573 | \$3,127 | \$2,583 |
| Voice and data communications | 2,799 | 2,840 | 3,988 |

Note 19. Income Taxes

The current and deferred components of the provision for Federal income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002, and 2001 are as follows.

| (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current income tax expense | \$27,211 | \$26,640 | \$25,912 |
| Deferred income tax benefit | (1,315) | (1,953) | (3,397) |
| Total income tax expense | \$25,896 | \$24,687 | \$22,515 |

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A deferred tax asset or liability is recognized to reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes, as well as operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Significant temporary differences that gave rise to the deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 were as follows:

| (In thousands) | 2003 | | 2002 | |
|---|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | Asset | Deferred Liability | Asset | Deferred Liability |
| Allowance for loan losses | \$13,709 | \$ | \$12,241 | \$ |
| Originated mortgage servicing rights | | 513 | | 869 |
| Deferred loan origination fees and costs, net | | 8,882 | | 10,022 |
| Deferred compensation contributions and gains | 3,216 | | 3,033 | |
| Restricted stock amortization | 666 | | 666 | |
| Depreciation/amortization | | 819 | | 914 |
| Stock dividends on FHLB stock | | 1,886 | | 1,175 |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on securities available for sale | 430 | | | 475 |
| Loan mark-to-market adjustment | 308 | | 1,504 | |
| Other temporary differences | 378 | 249 | 440 | 291 |
| Total deferred taxes | \$18,707 | \$12,349 | \$17,884 | \$13,746 |

Items causing differences between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate are summarized as follows:

| Year ended December 31 (Dollars in thousands) | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | |
|--|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Amount | Rate | Amount | Rate | Amount | Rate |
| Statutory tax rate | \$30,318 | 35.0% | \$28,477 | 35.0% | \$24,649 | 35.0% |
| Amortization of goodwill | | | | | 87 | .1 |
| Net tax exempt interest income | (2,171) | (2.5) | (2,707) | (3.3) | (2,152) | (3.0) |
| Bank owned life insurance income | (1,932) | (2.2) | (767) | (1.0) | | |
| Other, net | (319) | (.4) | (316) | (.4) | (69) | (.1) |
| Provision for income taxes | \$25,896 | 29.9% | \$24,687 | 30.3% | \$22,515 | 32.0% |

Note 20. Legal Proceedings

D&N Bank, a Federal Savings Bank acquired by the Company in May 1999 and merged into Republic Bank in December 2000, was a plaintiff, along with approximately 120 other institutions, in a claim and an appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit seeking substantial damages as a result of the 1989 Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act's mandatory phase-out of the regulatory capital treatment of supervisory goodwill. On July 25, 2003, Republic Bank as successor in interest to D&N Bank, filed a Petition for Rehearing En Banc of Plaintiff-Appellant D&N Bank, FSB, from the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Panel Decision of June 17, 2003 which affirmed summary judgment in favor of government in the matter of D&N Bank v. United States of America. The United States Court of Appeals denied Republic Bank's request for rehearing En Banc, and accordingly no further action will be taken in this matter by Republic Bank.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to certain legal actions and proceedings in the ordinary course of business. Management believes that the aggregate liability, if any, resulting from such legal actions would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

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Republic Bank has, in the normal course of business and in accordance with applicable regulations, made loans to certain directors and officers and to organizations in which certain directors and officers have an interest. Other transactions with related parties include noninterest-bearing and interest-bearing deposits. In the opinion of management, such loans and other transactions were made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated parties and did not involve more than normal risk of collectibility.

A summary of related loan activity for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 follows:

| (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance at beginning of the year | \$10,143 | \$15,534 | \$14,456 |
| New loans and advances | 1,098 | 1,016 | 2,435 |
| Repayments | (9,598) | (6,407) | (1,357) |
| Balance at end of year | \$ 1,643 | \$10,143 | \$15,534 |

Note 22. Segment Information

The Company's operations are managed as three major business segments: (1) commercial banking (2) retail banking and (3) mortgage banking. The commercial banking segment consists of commercial lending to small- and medium-sized companies, primarily in the form of commercial real estate and Small Business Administration (SBA) loans. The retail banking segment consists of home equity lending, other consumer lending and the deposit-gathering function. Deposits and consumer loan products are offered through 83 retail branch offices of Republic Bank, which are staffed by personal bankers and loan originators. The mortgage banking segment is comprised of mortgage loan production and mortgage loan servicing for others. Mortgage loan production is conducted in all offices of Republic Bank. As discussed in Note 1, Market Street Mortgage was sold in the second quarter of 2001 and in conjunction with the sale of Market Street, the Company substantially exited the mortgage servicing business and separately sold its mortgage servicing portfolio. Prior to 2001, over 90% of the Company's mortgage loan servicing was performed by Market Street Mortgage. Treasury and Other is comprised of balance sheet management activities that include the securities portfolio, residential real estate mortgage portfolio loans and non-deposit funding. Treasury and Other also includes unallocated corporate expenses such as corporate overhead, including accounting, data processing, human resources and operation costs.

The Company evaluates performance and allocates resources based on profit or loss from operations. Business segment performance is determined based on the Company's management accounting process, in which the accounting policies of the reportable segments are primarily the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. The accounting process assigns revenue, expenses and assets to a business segment using specific identification and an allocation methodology. Changes in the allocation methodology may result in changes in allocations and assignments. In that case, however, results for prior periods would be restated to allow comparability between periods. Each business segment is credited for the interest income earned on its assets. The assets of

commercial banking are commercial loans. The retail banking segment's assets include direct consumer loans and deposits in excess of its loan balances. The mortgage banking segment's assets are mortgage loans held for sale and residential construction loans. The commercial and mortgage segments' internal funding costs are based on the overall cost of funds of Republic Bank. The retail segment is charged for the interest expense on deposits and receives an internal funding credit for excess deposits at Republic Bank's overall yield on earning assets. Excluding the internal funding and transfer pricing on mortgage portfolio loans, the Company does not have intracompany revenues or expenses. Noninterest income and expenses directly attributable to a business segment's operations are assigned to that business segment. The provision for loan losses for each segment reflects net charge-offs in each segment and the maintenance of a fixed allowance for loan losses to loans ratio. Additionally, segment income tax expense is calculated using the marginal tax rate. The difference between the marginal and effective tax rate is included in Treasury and Other. Equity is allocated to the commercial banking and mortgage banking segments based on a percentage of their assets. Equity is allocated to the retail banking segment based on a percentage of its deposits.

Revenues from no individual customer exceeded 10 percent of consolidated total revenues. The Company's segments are not necessarily comparable with similar information for any other financial institution.

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In 2003, the allocated equity to the retail segment was decreased to 5% of total deposits compared to 10% in prior years. In 2002, the internal funding credit computation included the allocated capital balance of the retail segment. In addition, cash balances in the retail branches reduced excess deposits. These internal funding credit adjustments were directly offset by adjustments to the internal funding cost to treasury and other. All prior period amounts have been restated to conform to the current year presentation.

The following table presents the financial results of each business segment for the last three years.

| (In thousands) | Commercial | Retail | Mortgage | Treasury and Other | Consolidated |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| For the Year Ended December 31, 2003 | | | | | |
| Net interest income from external customers | \$ 88,046 | \$ (30,325) | \$ 29,702 | \$ 55,074 | \$142,497 |
| Internal funding | (35,097) | 133,507 | (13,086) | (85,324) | |
| Net interest income | 52,949 | 103,182 | 16,616 | (30,250) | 142,497 |
| Provision for loan losses | 9,428 | 1,576 | 273 | 723 | 12,000 |
| Noninterest income | 1,026 | 11,977 | 51,914 | (4,138) | 60,779 |
| Noninterest expense | 10,201 | 31,558 | 29,085 | 33,810 | 104,654 |
| Income before taxes | 34,346 | 82,025 | 39,172 | (68,921) | 86,622 |
| Income taxes | 12,254 | 29,265 | 13,710 | (29,333) | 25,896 |
| Net income | \$ 22,092 | \$ 52,760 | \$ 25,462 | \$ (39,588) | \$ 60,726 |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 121 | \$ 2,974 | \$ 2,273 | \$ 4,749 | \$ 10,117 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ 84 | \$ 2,290 | \$ 506 | \$ 2,666 | \$ 5,546 |
| Net identifiable assets (in millions) | \$ 1,503 | \$ 2,743 | \$ 322 | \$ 786 | \$ 5,354 |
| Return on equity ⁽²⁾ | 15.13% | 39.93% | 91.95% | n/m | 17.33% |
| Return on assets | 1.51% | 1.90% | 4.59% | n/m | 1.23% |
| Efficiency ratio | 18.90% | 27.40% | 42.44% | n/m | 52.04% |
| For the Year Ended December 31, 2002 | | | | | |
| Net interest income from external customers | \$ 97,458 | \$ (46,636) | \$ 36,669 | \$ 54,361 | \$141,852 |
| Internal funding | (42,462) | 151,688 | (17,801) | (91,425) | |

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| Net interest income | 54,996 | 105,052 | 18,868 | (37,064) | 141,852 |
| Provision for loan losses | 5,780 | 1,393 | | 8,827 | 16,000 |
| Noninterest income | 2,129 | 9,528 | 36,488 | 7,882 | 56,027 |
| Noninterest expense | <u>8,881</u> | <u>31,937</u> | <u>28,644</u> | <u>31,053</u> | <u>100,515</u> |
| Income before taxes | 42,464 | 81,250 | 26,712 | (69,062) | 81,364 |
| Income taxes | <u>15,212</u> | <u>28,980</u> | <u>9,349</u> | <u>(28,854)</u> | <u>24,687</u> |
| Net income | <u>\$ 27,252</u> | <u>\$ 52,270</u> | <u>\$ 17,363</u> | <u>\$(40,208)</u> | <u>\$ 56,677</u> |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 142 | \$ 3,151 | \$ 2,454 | \$ 4,658 | \$ 10,405 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ 75 | \$ 803 | \$ 629 | \$ 1,828 | \$ 3,335 |
| Net identifiable assets (in millions) | \$ 1,450 | \$ 2,865 | \$ 824 | \$ (361) | \$ 4,778 |
| Return on equity ⁽²⁾ | 19.30% | 40.29% | 59.36% | n/m | 17.52% |
| Return on assets | 1.93% | 1.83% | 2.97% | n/m | 1.24% |
| Efficiency ratio | 15.55% | 27.87% | 51.75% | n/m | 50.80% |

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| (In thousands) | Commercial | Retail | Mortgage | Treasury and Other | Consolidated |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| For the Year Ended December 31, 2001⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
| Net interest income from external customers | \$ 102,428 | \$ (80,907) | \$ 49,710 | \$ 68,723 | \$ 139,954 |
| Internal funding | (50,581) | 176,454 | (29,149) | (96,724) | |
| Net interest income | 51,847 | 95,547 | 20,561 | (28,001) | 139,954 |
| Provision for loan losses | 4,641 | 634 | | 3,425 | 8,700 |
| Noninterest income | 1,537 | 7,764 | 48,714 | 1,369 | 59,384 |
| Noninterest expense | 9,571 | 32,006 | 47,192 | 24,444 | 113,213 |
| Operating income before taxes | 39,172 | 70,671 | 22,083 | (54,501) | 77,425 |
| Income taxes | 13,710 | 24,735 | 7,729 | (21,209) | 24,965 |
| Net operating income | \$ 25,462 | \$ 45,936 | \$ 14,354 | \$ (33,292) | \$ 52,460 |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 150 | \$ 3,293 | \$ 6,727 | \$ 2,752 | \$ 12,922 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ 168 | \$ 1,319 | \$ 328 | \$ 1,686 | \$ 3,501 |
| Net identifiable assets (in millions) | \$ 1,335 | \$ 2,911 | \$ 914 | \$ (419) | 4,741 |
| Return on equity ⁽²⁾ | 20.47% | 35.02% | 40.77% | n/m | 17.25% |
| Return on assets | 2.05% | 1.68% | 2.04% | n/m | 1.14% |
| Efficiency ratio | 17.93% | 30.98% | 68.12% | n/m | 56.17% |

⁽¹⁾ Amounts for 2001 exclude \$12.0 million of pretax gain on sale of subsidiary and \$19.0 million pretax restructuring costs to exit the mortgage servicing business.

⁽²⁾ Capital is allocated as a percentage of assets of 10% and 5% for the commercial and mortgage banking segments, respectively and is allocated as a percentage of deposits of 5% for the retail segment.

n/m Not meaningful

Note 23. Off-Balance Sheet Transactions

In the normal course of business, the Company becomes a party to transactions involving financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk to meet the financing needs of its customers and to manage its own exposure to interest rate risk. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit that are not

reflected in the consolidated financial statements. The contractual amounts of these instruments express the extent of the Company's involvement in these transactions as of the balance sheet date. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk, market risk and liquidity risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. However, management believes that they do not represent unusual risks for the Company and management does not anticipate any significant losses to arise from these transactions.

Commitments to extend credit are legally binding agreements to lend cash to a customer as long as there is no breach of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require the payment of a fee. Standby letters of credit guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. The Company issues these guarantees primarily to support public and private borrowing arrangements, real estate construction projects, bond financing and similar transactions.

The credit risk associated with commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved with direct lending. Therefore, these instruments are subject to the Company's loan review and approval procedures and credit policies. Based upon management's credit evaluation of the counterparty, the Company may require the counterparty to provide collateral as security for the agreement, including real estate, accounts receivable, inventories, and investment securities. The maximum credit risk associated with these instruments equals their contractual amounts and assumes that the counterparty defaults and the collateral proves to be worthless. The total contractual amounts of commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit do not necessarily represent future cash requirements, since many of these agreements may expire without being drawn upon. At December 31, 2003, no liability is recorded for the commitments to extend credit, while deferred revenue for standby letters of credit was \$189,000. At December 31, 2002, there was no liability or deferred revenue recorded for the commitments to extend credit or for the standby letters of credit.

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The following table presents the contractual amounts of the Company's off-balance sheet financial instruments outstanding at December 31, 2003 and 2002:

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk: | | |
| Commitments to fund residential real estate loans | \$296,978 | \$340,615 |
| Commitments to fund commercial real estate loans | 306,062 | 142,332 |
| Other unused commitments to extend credit | 421,619 | 374,692 |
| Standby letters of credit | 71,834 | 46,480 |

Note 24. Hedging Activities

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, which was amended in June 1999 by Statement No. 137, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133*, in June 2000 by Statement No. 138, *Accounting For Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities* and in April 2003 by Statement No. 149, *Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* and was required to be adopted by the Company in years beginning after June 15, 2000. The Statement requires the Company to recognize all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. Derivatives that are not hedges must be adjusted to fair value through income. If the derivative is a hedge, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of derivatives will either be offset against the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities, or firm commitments through earnings or recognized in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of a derivative's change in fair value will be immediately recognized in earnings. The Company implemented SFAS 133 effective January 1, 2001.

At December 31, 2003, the Company had outstanding \$51.0 million of commitments to fund residential real estate loan applications with agreed-upon rates (Interest Rate Lock Commitments or IRLCs). IRLCs subject the Company to market risk due to fluctuations in interest rates.

At December 31, 2003, the Company had outstanding mandatory forward commitments to sell \$162.5 million of residential mortgage loans, which included put options on 10-year treasury futures with a notional amount of \$2.5 million. These mandatory forward commitments hedged the value of \$115.3 million of mortgage loans held for sale and \$47.2 million of IRLCs utilizing the fair value method of accounting for derivatives. These outstanding forward commitments to sell mortgage loans are expected to settle in the first quarter of 2004 without producing any material gains or losses. At December 31, 2003, the mortgage loans held for sale balance included \$20.1 million of loan products for which the Company did not enter into mandatory forward commitments. The Company's exposure to market risk was not significantly increased, however, since these loans were committed for sale to third parties prior to year-end.

At December 31, 2002, outstanding forward commitments to sell mortgage loans totaled \$789.0 million, of which \$626.2 million covered the mortgage loans held for sale balance and \$162.8 million covered interest rate lock commitments. The Company had \$181.0 million of interest rate lock commitments outstanding at December 31, 2002.

For the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Company's hedging policies using mandatory forward commitments and put options on 10-year treasury futures, as they relate to IRLCs and mortgage loans held for sale, were highly effective. Therefore, the impact of SFAS 133 on net income was immaterial. The fair value of IRLCs, mandatory forward commitments and put options was also immaterial at December 31, 2003 and 2002.

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Note 25. Estimated Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value estimates of financial instruments are made at a specific point in time based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates do not reflect any premium or discount that could result from offering for sale the Company's entire holdings of a particular financial instrument. Since no ready market exists for a significant portion of the Company's financial instruments, fair value estimates are based on judgments regarding future expected loss experience, current economic conditions, risk characteristics of various financial instruments and other factors. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and, therefore, cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

Fair value estimates are determined for existing on- and off-balance sheet financial instruments without attempting to estimate the value of anticipated future business and value of assets and liabilities that are not considered financial instruments. Tax ramifications related to the realization of the unrealized gains and losses can have a significant effect on the fair value of financial instruments and have not been considered in these estimates.

The methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which determination of such an estimate was practicable are as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value for these instruments.

Mortgage Loans Held for Sale:

The fair value of mortgage loans held for sale, including the fair value of associated mortgage servicing rights, is estimated based on the present value of estimated future cash flows of the loan and related servicing rights.

Securities Available for Sale:

The fair value of securities available for sale are estimated based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes.

Securities Held to Maturity:

The fair value of securities held to maturity are estimated based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes.

Loans:

Fair values are estimated for portfolio loans based on the present value of future estimated cash flows using discount rates which incorporate a premium commensurate with normal credit and interest rate risks involved. Loans are segregated by type such as commercial and industrial, commercial real estate, residential mortgage and installment.

Federal Home Loan Bank Stock:

The carrying amount of FHLB stock is a reasonable estimate of fair value as all transactions with the FHLB in the capital stock are executed at par.

Deposits:

The fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, such as noninterest-bearing demand deposits, savings, money market and NOW accounts, is equal to the amount payable on demand. The estimated fair value of certificates of deposit is based on the present value of future estimated cash flows using the rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

Federal Funds Purchased and other short-term borrowings:

Fair value approximates the carrying value since the majority of these instruments were entered into at or near December 31, 2003 and 2002. The carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value of other short-term borrowings as these financial instruments are tied to floating rate indices such as prime and LIBOR, and repriced frequently.

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The carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value since the majority of these instruments were entered into at or near December 31, 2003 and 2002 or these financial instruments are tied to floating rate indices such as LIBOR, and reprice frequently.

Long-term FHLB Advances and Reverse Repurchase Agreements:

Fair value is estimated based on the present value of future estimated cash flows using current rates offered to the Company for debt with similar terms.

Long-Term Debt:

Fair value is estimated based on the present value of future estimated cash flows using current rates offered to the Company for debt with similar terms.

Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments:

The Company's off-balance sheet financial instruments are detailed in Note 23 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Hedging Instruments:

The Company's commitments to fund residential real estate loan applications with agreed-upon interest rates and forward commitments to sell residential real estate loans may result in a gain or loss upon the sale of the funded residential real estate loans. The aggregated fair value of these off-balance sheet financial instruments at December 31, 2003 and 2002, which are based on quoted market prices, were not material.

The following table presents the estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments:

| December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | | 2002 | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Carrying Value | Fair Value |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 63,858 | \$ 63,858 | \$ 75,625 | \$ 75,625 |
| Mortgage loans held for sale | 135,360 | 136,240 | 660,999 | 665,295 |
| Securities available for sale | 607,450 | 607,450 | 170,456 | 170,456 |
| Securities held to maturity | 156,555 | 157,067 | | |
| Loans, net of the allowance for loan losses | 4,117,243 | 4,171,300 | 3,620,466 | 3,686,315 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 80,500 | 80,500 | 78,475 | 78,475 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |

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|---|------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Noninterest-bearing deposits | 256,265 | 256,265 | 260,634 | 260,634 |
| NOW, savings and money market accounts | 1,239,074 | 1,239,074 | 1,087,229 | 1,087,229 |
| Certificates of deposit maturing in: | | | | |
| Six months or less | 265,043 | 265,051 | 10,491 | 10,498 |
| Over six months to one year | 162,860 | 162,945 | 79,978 | 80,197 |
| Over one year to three years | 573,459 | 583,161 | 985,731 | 997,322 |
| Over three years | 318,568 | 340,078 | 364,209 | 384,473 |
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| Total certificates of deposit | 1,319,930 | 1,351,235 | 1,440,409 | 1,472,490 |
| Total deposits | 2,815,269 | 2,846,574 | 2,788,272 | 2,820,353 |
| Federal funds purchased and other short-term borrowings | 491,245 | 491,245 | 209,070 | 209,070 |
| Short-term FHLB advances | 280,000 | 280,000 | 305,000 | 305,000 |
| Long-term FHLB advances and reverse repurchase agreements | 1,286,726 | 1,386,879 | 1,002,943 | 1,123,497 |
| Long-term debt | 50,000 | 50,316 | 63,500 | 63,836 |

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Republic Bank is required by law to maintain average cash reserve balances with the Federal Reserve Bank based on a percentage of deposits. At December 31, 2003, these reserves totaled \$4.0 million. There were no reserve requirements as of December 31, 2002.

The principal source of cash flows for the parent company is dividends from Republic Bank. The banking regulatory agencies limit the amount of dividends a state chartered financial institution may declare to the parent company in any calendar year. On December 31, 2003, \$161.7 million was available for payment of dividends.

The Company is subject to regulatory capital requirements administered by federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have an effect on the Company's financial statements. Capital adequacy guidelines require minimum capital ratios of 8.00% for total risk-based capital, 4.00% for Tier 1 risk-based capital and 4.00% (and in some cases 3.00%) for Tier 1 leverage. Under the framework for prompt corrective action, all financial institutions must meet capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the Company's assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. To be considered well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, minimum capital ratios of 10.00% for total risk-based capital, 6.00% for Tier 1 risk-based capital and 5.00% for Tier 1 leverage must be maintained. The Company's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators with respect to components, risk weightings and other factors.

Management believes, as of December 31, 2003, that the Company met all capital adequacy requirements to which it is subject. In addition, Republic Bank had regulatory capital ratios in excess of the levels established for well capitalized institutions.

As of December 31, 2003, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago considers the Company to be well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. There are no conditions or events since that notification that management believes have changed the Company's category.

Presented in the table below are the capital amounts and ratios for the Company and its bank subsidiary, Republic Bank, at December 31, 2003 and 2002, along with a comparison to the year-end capital amounts and ratios established by the regulators.

| (Dollars in thousands) | Actual | | Adequately Capitalized | | Well Capitalized | |
|---|------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| As of December 31, 2003 | | | | | | |
| Total capital (to risk weighted assets) ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | \$454,549 | 12.85% | \$282,898 | 8.00% | \$353,622 | 10.00% |
| Republic Bank | 443,286 | 12.59 | 281,568 | 8.00 | 351,959 | 10.00 |
| Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets) ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | \$414,278 | 11.72% | \$141,449 | 4.00% | \$212,173 | 6.00% |

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|---|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Republic Bank | 403,015 | 11.45 | 140,784 | 4.00 | 211,176 | 6.00 |
| Tier 1 capital (to average assets) ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | \$414,278 | 8.04% | \$154,849 | 3.00% | \$258,082 | 5.00% |
| Republic Bank | 403,015 | 7.84 | 154,181 | 3.00 | 256,969 | 5.00 |
| As of December 31, 2002 | | | | | | |
| Total capital (to risk weighted assets) ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | \$410,860 | 12.26% | \$268,149 | 8.00% | \$335,186 | 10.00% |
| Republic Bank | 401,462 | 12.03 | 266,969 | 8.00 | 333,711 | 10.00 |
| Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets) ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | \$374,783 | 11.18% | \$134,075 | 4.00% | \$201,112 | 6.00% |
| Republic Bank | 365,385 | 10.95 | 133,484 | 4.00 | 200,227 | 6.00 |
| Tier 1 capital (to average assets) ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | \$374,783 | 7.81% | \$143,683 | 3.00% | \$239,471 | 5.00% |
| Republic Bank | 365,385 | 7.64 | 143,521 | 3.00 | 239,202 | 5.00 |

⁽¹⁾ As defined in the regulations

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The condensed financial statements of Republic Bancorp Inc. (Parent Company only) are as follows:

Parent Company Only Balance Sheets
December 31 (In thousands)

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$ 311 | \$ 645 |
| Interest earning deposits | <u>26,377</u> | <u>32,924</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 26,688 | 33,569 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | 407,652 | 374,437 |
| Notes and advances receivable from subsidiary | 59 | 98 |
| Furniture and equipment | 90 | 139 |
| Other assets | <u>15,010</u> | <u>12,519</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$449,499</u> | <u>\$420,762</u> |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity: | | |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | \$ 28,533 | \$ 22,988 |
| Subordinated debentures | 51,546 | 51,546 |
| Long-term debt | | <u>13,500</u> |
| Total liabilities | 80,079 | 88,034 |
| Total shareholders' equity | <u>369,420</u> | <u>332,728</u> |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | <u>\$449,499</u> | <u>\$420,762</u> |

Parent Company Only Income Statements
Year Ended December 31 (In thousands)

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Interest income | \$ 79 | \$ 520 | \$ 198 |
| Dividends from subsidiary | 31,000 | 24,287 | 35,029 |
| Management fee from subsidiary | 5,000 | 8,000 | |
| Other income | | | <u>12,000</u> |
| Total income | 36,079 | 32,807 | 47,227 |

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|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Interest expense | 4,472 | 5,265 | 2,678 |
| Investment securities losses | | | 355 |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 5,365 | 5,115 | 4,950 |
| Other expenses | 3,838 | 3,020 | 1,951 |
| Merger integration and restructuring | | | |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total expenses | 13,675 | 13,400 | 9,934 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Income before income taxes and excess of undistributed earnings of subsidiary over dividends | 22,404 | 19,407 | 37,293 |
| Income tax (credit) expense | (3,293) | (2,015) | 890 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Income before excess of undistributed earnings of subsidiary over dividends | 25,697 | 21,422 | 36,403 |
| Excess of undistributed earnings of subsidiary over dividends | 35,029 | 35,255 | 11,507 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Net income | \$60,726 | \$56,677 | \$47,910 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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| Parent Company Only Statements of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31 (In thousands) | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 60,726 | \$ 56,677 | \$ 47,910 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 960 | 906 | 693 |
| Net loss on securities available for sale | | | 355 |
| Excess of undistributed earnings of subsidiary over dividends | (35,029) | (35,255) | (11,507) |
| (Increase) decrease in other assets | (2,182) | 24,632 | (18,174) |
| Increase (decrease) in other liabilities | 4,391 | (403) | (4,521) |
| Gain on sale of subsidiary | | | (12,000) |
| Other, net | (36) | 252 | (23) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total adjustments | (31,896) | (9,868) | (45,177) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 28,830 | 46,809 | 2,733 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | | |
| Decrease in notes and advances receivable from subsidiary | | | 22,064 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | | | 22,064 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | | |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (13,500) | | (34,000) |
| Net proceeds from issuance of subordinated debentures | | | 47,963 |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common shares through exercise of stock options and stock warrants | 12,970 | 4,687 | 5,411 |
| Repurchase of common shares | (15,022) | (18,750) | (25,416) |
| Dividends paid on common shares | (20,159) | (18,082) | (16,838) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (35,711) | (32,145) | (22,880) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (6,881) | 14,664 | 1,917 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 33,569 | 18,905 | 16,988 |
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|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | \$ 26,688 | \$ 33,569 | \$ 18,905 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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Independent Auditors' Report

Republic Bancorp Inc. Board of Directors

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Republic Bancorp Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Republic Bancorp Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2003 and 2002 and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Detroit, Michigan
January 13, 2004

Table of Contents**Quarterly Data (Unaudited)**

The following is a summary of unaudited quarterly results of operations for the years 2003 and 2002:

| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | Full Year |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| 2003 | | | | | |
| <i>Earnings Summary</i> | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$65,750 | \$66,842 | \$66,560 | \$66,528 | \$265,680 |
| Interest expense ⁽¹⁾ | 31,225 | 30,977 | 30,150 | 30,831 | 123,183 |
| Net interest income ⁽¹⁾ | 34,525 | 35,865 | 36,410 | 35,697 | 142,497 |
| Provision for loan losses | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 12,000 |
| Mortgage banking revenue | 9,736 | 10,455 | 10,567 | 8,218 | 38,976 |
| Investment securities gains | 448 | 432 | 619 | 691 | 2,190 |
| Income from bank owned life insurance | 1,295 | 1,320 | 1,432 | 1,472 | 5,519 |
| Other non-interest income | 3,382 | 3,290 | 3,532 | 3,890 | 14,094 |
| Non-interest expense ⁽¹⁾ | 24,382 | 26,701 | 27,247 | 26,324 | 104,654 |
| Income before taxes | 22,004 | 21,661 | 22,313 | 20,644 | 86,622 |
| Net income | 15,153 | 15,158 | 15,790 | 14,625 | 60,726 |
| <i>Per Common Share</i> | | | | | |
| Basic earnings | \$.24 | \$.24 | \$.25 | \$.23 | \$.96 |
| Diluted earnings | .24 | .24 | .25 | .23 | .95 |
| Cash dividends declared | .08 | .08 | .09 | .09 | .34 |
| 2002 | | | | | |
| <i>Earnings Summary</i> | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$73,535 | \$69,851 | \$70,475 | \$70,843 | \$284,704 |
| Interest expense ⁽¹⁾ | 37,629 | 35,570 | 35,181 | 34,472 | 142,852 |
| Net interest income ⁽¹⁾ | 35,906 | 34,281 | 35,294 | 36,371 | 141,852 |
| Provision for loan losses | 2,400 | 2,400 | 6,200 | 5,000 | 16,000 |
| Mortgage banking revenue | 7,246 | 8,140 | 7,715 | 11,031 | 34,132 |
| Investment securities gains | 401 | 417 | 1,933 | 3,108 | 5,859 |
| Income from bank owned life insurance | | | 874 | 1,318 | 2,192 |
| Other non-interest income | 2,930 | 3,440 | 3,619 | 3,855 | 13,844 |
| Non-interest expense ⁽¹⁾ | 23,797 | 22,857 | 23,042 | 30,819 | 100,515 |
| Income before taxes | 20,286 | 21,021 | 20,193 | 19,864 | 81,364 |
| Net income | 14,118 | 14,534 | 14,283 | 13,742 | 56,677 |
| <i>Per Common Share</i> | | | | | |
| Basic earnings | \$.22 | \$.23 | \$.22 | \$.22 | \$.89 |
| Diluted earnings | .22 | .22 | .22 | .21 | .87 |
| Cash dividends declared | .07 | .07 | .07 | .08 | .29 |

⁽¹⁾ All periods prior to the fourth quarter of 2003 have been restated to reflect the adoption of FIN 46. FIN 46 required the Company to reclassify the dividends paid on its trust preferred securities and preferred stock of subsidiary as interest expense. In prior periods, dividends on trust preferred securities and preferred stock of subsidiary were classified as a component of noninterest expense.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Table of Contents**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Internal Controls. The Company maintains a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's internal controls and procedures. Such evaluation was conducted within the 90 days prior to the date of filing of this report. There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of such evaluation.

Disclosure Controls And Procedures. The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed in the reports it files with the SEC is collected and then processed, summarized and disclosed within the time periods specified in the rules of the SEC. Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these procedures are effective.

PART III**ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT*****Directors***

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the sections of the Company's proxy statement for its 2004 annual meeting of shareholders entitled "Election of Directors", "Executive Officers" and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance".

Executive Officers Of The Registrant

The following is a list of all the executive officers (4) of the Company as of December 31, 2003. All of these officers are elected annually by the Board of Directors. Each of the executive officers has served as an officer of the Company for more than five years. There are no family relationships among any of the executive officers.

| Name | Age | Position |
|-------------------|------------|--|
| Jerry D. Campbell | 63 | Chairman of the Board (Since 1985) |
| Dana M. Cluckey | 43 | President and Chief Executive Officer (Since 1986) |

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|----------------------------|----|---|
| Barry J. Eckhold | 57 | Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer (Since 1990) |
| Thomas F. Menacher, CPA | 47 | Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary (Since 1992) |

The Company has adopted a code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and controller. The code of ethics is posted on the Company's website at www.republicbancorp.com under the Corporate Governance link in the Investor Relations section.

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ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the sections of the Company's proxy statement for its 2004 annual meeting of shareholders entitled "Personnel and Compensation Committee Report" and "Executive Officers."

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the sections of the Company's proxy statement for its 2004 annual meeting of shareholders entitled "Stock Ownership", "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Executive Officers' Equity Compensation Plan Information."

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the sections of the Company's proxy statement for its 2004 annual meeting of shareholders entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the sections of the Company's proxy statement for its 2004 annual meeting of shareholders entitled "Independent Auditors."

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a)1. Financial Statements

The following financial statements of the Company are filed as a part of this document under Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data:

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2003 and 2002

Consolidated Statements of Income for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Independent Auditors' Report

2. Financial Statement Schedules

All financial statement schedules required by Article 9 of Regulation S-X have been included in the consolidated financial statements or are either not applicable or not significant.

3. Exhibits

(3)(a)/(4)(a) Second Restated Articles of Incorporation of Republic Bancorp Inc. (the Company) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 17, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about May 28, 1999 (file no. 0-15734)).

(3)(b)/(4)(b) Bylaws, as amended, of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 17, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about May 28, 1999 (file no. 0-15734)).

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- (4)(c) Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of December 29, 2000, between the Company and Firststar Bank, National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(e) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2001 (file No. 000-15374)).
- (4)(d) First Amendment to Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of December 29, 2001, between the Company and Firststar Bank, National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(d) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2002 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (4)(e) Second Amendment to Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of December 28, 2002, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, formerly known as Firststar Bank, National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(f) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2003 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (4)(f) Third Amendment to Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of December 27, 2003, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association.*
- (4)(g) Form of Indenture between the Company and Wilmington Trust Company for the Company's 8.60% Subordinated Debentures due 2031 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (4)(e) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062)).
- (4)(h) Form of the Company's 8.60% Subordinated Debenture due 2031 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (4)(f) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062)) (which Exhibit (4)(f) is included as an exhibit to Exhibit (4)(e) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062)).
- (4)(i) Certificate of Trust of Republic Capital Trust I, a subsidiary of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (4)(g) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062)).

- (4)(j) Trust Agreement of Republic Capital Trust I, a subsidiary of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (4)(h) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062)).
- (4)(k) Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of Republic Capital Trust I, a subsidiary of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (4)(i) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062)).
- (4)(l) Form of Trust Preferred Securities Certificate of Republic Capital Trust I, a subsidiary of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (4)(j) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062) (which Exhibit (4)(j) is included as an exhibit to Exhibit (4)(i) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062))).

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- (4)(m) Form of Agreement as to Expenses and Liabilities between the Company and Republic Capital Trust I, a subsidiary of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (4)(k) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062)).
- (4)(n) Form of Trust Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement between the Company and Wilmington Trust Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (4)(l) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2001 (registration no. 333-70062)).
- (10)(a) 1998 Stock Option Plan of the Company, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 1998 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (10)(b) First Amendment to the 1998 Stock Option Plan of the Company dated October 21, 1999, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(c) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2000 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (10)(c) 1997 Stock Option Plan of the Company, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 28, 1997 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (10)(d) First Amendment to the 1997 Stock Option Plan of the Company dated February 19, 1998, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(e) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2000 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (10)(e) Second Amendment to the 1997 Stock Option Plan of the Company dated October 21, 1999, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(f) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2000 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (10)(f) Incentive Stock Plan, as Amended, of the Company dated February 19, 1998, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(h) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2000 (file no. 0-15734)).

- (10)(g) Amendment to the Incentive Stock Plan, as Amended, of the Company dated October 21, 1999, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(i) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2000 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (10)(h) Voluntary Management Stock Accumulation Program of the Company, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(e) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 1998 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (10)(i) First Amendment to the Voluntary Management Stock Accumulation Program of the Company dated October 21, 1999, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(k) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2000 (file no. 0-15734)).

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- (10)(j) First Amended and Restated Directors Compensation Plan of the Company, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(c) of the Company's registration statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 19, 2003 (registration no. 333-105383)).
- (10)(k) Deferred Compensation Plan of the Company, as Amended and Restated Effective June 17, 1999, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(m) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2000 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (10)(l) Form of Indemnity Agreement between the Company and certain executive officers and directors of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(e) of the Company's Registration Statement Form S-2 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 12, 1992 (file no. 33-46069)).
- (10)(m) Form of Indemnity Agreement between the Company and certain executive officers and directors of the Company.*
- (10)(n) D&N Financial Corporation 1984 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 20, 1999 (file no. 333-83267)).
- (10)(o) D&N Financial Corporation 1994 Management Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 20, 1999 (file no. 333-83265)).
- (10)(p) Change in Control Severance Agreement for Dana M. Cluckey.*
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- (10)(r) Change in Control Severance Agreement for Barry J. Eckhold.*
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- (10)(t) Second Amendment to the 1998 Stock Option Plan of the Company dated February 17, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(q) to the registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2001 (file no. 0-15734)).
- (11) No statement is required to be filed because the computations can be clearly determined from the materials contained in the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

- (12) Computations of ratios of earnings to fixed charges.*
- (21) Subsidiaries of the Company.*
- (23) Consent of independent auditors, Ernst & Young LLP.*
- (24) Powers of Attorney.*
- (31)(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 78m(a) or 78o(d) (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).*
- (31)(b) Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 78m(a) or 78o(d) (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).*
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*Filed herewith

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Management contracts and compensatory plans or arrangements:

The management contracts and compensatory plans or arrangements required to be filed as exhibits and included in such list of exhibits are as follows:

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(b) Reports on Form 8-K

On October 14, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K reporting that the Company released its third quarter results and held a conference call on October 14, 2003 to discuss the earnings release. The press release was included as an exhibit.

On October 17, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K reporting that on October 17, 2003, the Company announced a 10% stock dividend on its common stock. The press release was included as an exhibit.

On November 13, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K/A which amended its Form 8-K dated October 14, 2003 to update certain financial information in response to the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)

issuing FASB Staff Position No. 150-3.

On November 21, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K reporting that on November 20, 2003, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$.095 per share cash dividend to shareholders of record as of December 12, 2003 and payable January 5, 2004.

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on the 12th day of March 2004.

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC.

By: /s/ Dana M. Cluckey

Dana M. Cluckey
President and Chief Executive
Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated, on the 12th day of March 2004.

| <u>Signature</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|---|--|--------------------|
| <u>/s/ Dana M. Cluckey</u> Dana M. Cluckey | President and Chief Executive Officer | March 12, 2004 |
| <u>/s/ Thomas F. Menacher</u> Thomas F. Menacher | Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | March 12, 2004 |

DIRECTORS *

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Jerry D. Campbell | George A. Eastman, DDS | John J. Lennon | Isaac J. Powell, MD |
| George J. Butvilas | Barry J. Eckhold | Milton F. Lutz, II | William C. Rands, III |
| Lee E. Benz | Gary Hurand | Sam H. McGoun | B. Thomas M. Smith Jr. |
| Mary P. Cauley | Dennis J. Ibold | Kelly E. Miller | Jeoffrey K. Stross, MD |
| Richard J. Cramer Sr. | Stanley A. Jacobson | Randolph P. Piper | Steven E. Zack |

* By: /s/ Thomas F. Menacher

Attorney in Fact for each director listed

Date: March 12, 2004

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