UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

DATE OF REPORT (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2021

Commission File Number 0-17071

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana	35-1544218
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 East Jackson Street

P.O. Box 792
Muncie, IN 47305-2814
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(765) 747-1500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

 $\hfill\square$ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) $\hfill \Box$ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.125 stated value per share	FRME	Nasdaq Global Select Market

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company □
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On Monday, July 26, 2021, First Merchants Corporation will conduct a second quarter 2021 earnings conference call and web cast at 2:30 p.m. (ET). A copy of the slide presentation utilized on the conference call is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Slide Presentation, utilized on July 26, 2021, during conference call and web cast by First Merchants Corporation Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document) Exhibit 99.1

Exhibit 104

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Merchants Corporation (Registrant)

By: <u>/s/ Michele M. Kawiecki</u>

Michele M. Kawiecki

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Dated: July 26, 2021

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Forward Looking Statement

This presentation contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe-harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements can often, but not always, be identified by the use of words like "believe", "continue", "pattern", "estimate", "project" "intend", "anticipate", "expect" and similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "will", would", "should", "could", "might", "can", "may", or similar expressions. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to First Merchants' goals, intentions and expectations; statements regarding the First Merchants' business plan and growth strategies; statements regarding the asset quality of First Merchants' loan and investment portfolios; and estimates of First Merchants' risks and future costs and benefits. These forward-looking statements are subject to significant risks, assumptions and uncertainties that may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in forward-looking statements, including, among other things: possible changes in economic and business conditions; the existence or exacerbation of general geopolitical instability and uncertainty; the effects of a pandemic or other unforeseeable event; the ability of First Merchants to integrate recent acquisitions and attract new customers; possible changes in monetary and fiscal policies, and laws and regulations; the effects of easing restrictions on participants in the financial services industry; the cost and other effects of legal and administrative cases; possible changes in the credit worthiness of customers and the possible impairment of collectability of loans; fluctuations in market rates of interest; competitive factors in the banking industry; changes in the banking legislation or regulatory requirements of federal and state agencies applicable to bank holding companies and banks like First Merchants' affiliate bank; continued availability of earnings and excess capital sufficient for

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

These slides contain non-GAAP financial measures. For purposes of Regulation G, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of the registrant's historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows that excludes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of excluding amounts, that are included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statement of income, balance sheet or statement of cash flows (or equivalent statements) of the issuer; or includes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of including amounts, that are excluded from the most directly comparable measure so calculated and presented. In this regard, GAAP refers to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, First Merchants Corporation has provided reconciliations within the slides, as necessary, of the non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.



Executive Management Team



24 Yrs

Mark Hardwick

Chief Executive Officer





President

Mike Stewart currently serves as President for First Merchants Corporation and First Merchants Bank overseeing the Commercial, Private Wealth, and Consumer Lines of Business for the Bank. Mike joined the bank in 2008 as Chief Banking Officer. Prior to joining First Merchants, Mike spent 18 years with National City Bank having served as Chief Credit Officer of the Indiana Bank. Mike has a Master of Business Administration from Butler University and a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Millikin University.





Chief Credit Officer

John Martin currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of First Merchants Corporation overseeing the Commercial, Small Business and Consumer Credit functions, as well as the Mortgage Line of Business. Prior to joining First Merchants, John spent 18 years with National City Bank in various sales and senior credit roles. John is a graduate of Indiana University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He also holds a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Case Western Reserve University,





FMB:

Michele Kawiecki

Chief Financial Officer



18 Yrs

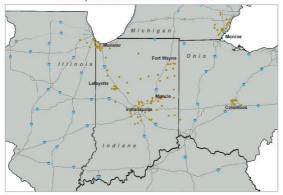
FMB:

Michele Kawiecki currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for First Merchants Corporation and First Merchants Bank. Michele Joined First Merchants in 2015 as Director of Finance. Prior to joining First Merchants, Michele Jones 11 2 years with UMB Financial Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri having served as Senior Vice President of Capital Management and Assistant Treasurer; Director of Corporate Development and the Enterprise Project Management Office; and Chief Risk Officer. Prior to UMB, she worked for PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP as an Audit Manager. Michele earned both a Master of Science in Accounting and an Executive Master of Business Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Dakota Wesleyan University.



First Merchants Corporation (NASDAQ: FRME)

Largest financial services holding company headquartered in Central Indiana



Full-Service Banking Footprint with 106 Branches





Financial Highlights as of 6/30/2021



^{*}Assets Under Management - \$3.24 Billion

Moody's a3 Baseline Credit Assessment¹





Moody's Credit Opinion – First Merchants Corporation, September 22, 2020, baseline Cred ssessment (BCA) reflects a bank's standalone credit strength

Second Quarter Highlights

\$55.6 Million \$1.03 Per Share ROA (Annualized)
1.51% ROA
1.78% PTPP ROA

ROE & ROTCE (Annualized)

12.04% ROE

17.77% ROTCE

- Completed integration of Hoosier Trust Company
- 6.7% annualized loan growth, excluding PPP loans

Year-to-Date Highlights

\$105.0 Million \$1.94 Per Share ROA
1.45% ROA
1.71% PTPP ROA

ROE & ROTCE
11.40% ROE
16.82% ROTCE

- Completed 17 branch consolidations year-to-date
- Implementation of Online Account Origination technology in process
- 3.4% annualized loan growth, excluding PPP loans



Strategy & Key Lines of Business



To enhance the financial wellness of the diverse communities we serve

Our Mission

To be the most responsive, knowledgeable, and high-performing bank for our clients, teammates and shareholders

Commercial Banking

Full Spectrum of Debt Capital and Treasury Service Offerings Located in Prime Growth Markets

-) Small Business & SBA
-) Middle Market C&I
-) Investment Real Estate
-) Public Finance
-) Sponsor Finance
-) Asset Based Lending
-) Syndications
- Treasury Management Services
-) Merchant Processing Services

Consumer Banking

Diverse Locations in Stable Rural and Growth Metro Markets

Supported by:

-) Talented Customer Service Oriented Banking Center and Call Center Professionals
-) Competitive Digital Solutions
 - Deposit and CRM
 - Online Banking
 - Mobile Banking
- Full Spectrum of Consumer Lending Offerings

Private Wealth Advisory

Comprehensive and coordinated approach to personal wealth management

Expertise in:

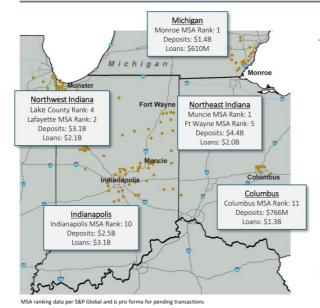
-) Investment Management
-) Private Banking
-) Fiduciary Estate
-) Financial Planning

Strengthen commercial relationships with personal services for executives/owners and retirement plan services for companies

Partner with consumer to offer personal investment advice through First Merchants Investment Services



Region and Line of Business Second Quarter Highlights



Organic Loan Growth Annualized

Private Wealth Group	4%	<u> </u>
Consumer Group	5%	Decline due to a \$76M Portfolio
Mortgage Group	(38%)	Sale
Commercial Group	14%	Strong C&I and
Total Loans – Adjusted ¹	10%	Public Finance growth

- Line utilization increased in commercial lines and consumer HELOC portfolios
- Pipeline remains stable compared to prior quarters with capital market activities driving IRE refinancing

Deposit Gr	Leonomic impact	
Consumer Group	(7%)	Payments being utilized
Commercial Group	29%	Economic Stimulus drove
Total Deposits	8%	increase through municipal and public entities

Excluding change in PPP loans and Mortgage Portfolio Loan Sale.



Second Quarter Financial Results

	(\$M except per share data)		For the T	hree Month	s Ended,		Variance	% Variance	
							Linked	Linked QTR-	
		6/30/20	9/30/20	12/31/20	3/31/21	6/30/21	Quarter	Annualized	
	Balance Sheet & Asset Quality								2Q21 Highlights
1.	Total Assets	\$13,819.4	\$13,737.4	\$14,067.2	\$14,629.1	\$14,923.1	\$294.0	8.0%	
2.	Total Loans	9,299.4	9,247.0	9,247.1	9,322.7	9,139.8	(182.8)	-7.8%	 48.91% Efficiency Ratio
3.	Investments	2,789.4	2,933.3	3,146.8	3,700.9	4,148.3	447.5	48.4%	
4.	Deposits	10,966.0	10,906.2	11,361.6	11,951.8	12,203.4	251.6	8.4%	 Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision (PTPP) Earnings
5.	Common Equity	1,809.0	1,833.5	1,875.5	1,805.9	1,871.8	65.9	14.6%	, , , ,
									totaled \$65.9, an increase of \$7.4
6.	TCE Ratio	9.31%	9.57%	9.65%	8.78%	9.04%	0.26%		million from 1Q21
7.	Total RBC Ratio	14.18	14.38	14.36	14.33	14.23	-0.10		
8.	ACL / Loans	1.30	1.37	1.41	2.16	2.19	0.03		 6.7% annualized loan growth, over
9.	NCOs / Avg Loans	0.01	0.30	0.02	0.16	0.06	-0.10		prior quarter excluding PPP loans
10.	NPAs + 90PD / Assets	0.46	0.49	0.47	0.41	0.40	-0.01		busi dantai avaianii 8.1.1 iania
	Summary Income Statement								Non-interest income increased \$6.8
									million over prior quarter; including a
11.	Net Interest Income	\$93.0	\$92.9	\$102.3	\$100.4	\$104.3	\$3.8	15.3%	\$2.9 million gain from a \$76 million sal
12.	Provision for Loan Losses	21.9	12.5	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
13.	Non-interest Income	26.5	26.2	27.5	24.1	30.9	6.8	112.8%	of portfolio mortgage loans
14.	Non-interest Expense	60.0	64.7	72.5	66.1	69.3	3.2	19.3%	
15.	Pre-tax Income	37.6	41.8	52.8	58.4	65.9	7.4	50.9%	 Net interest income, increased \$3.8
16.	Provision for Taxes	4.6	5.6	7.6	8.9	10.3	1.4	62.7%	
17.	Net Income	33.0	36.2	45.2	49.5	55.6	6.0	48.8%	million over prior quarter
18.	ROAA	0.97%	1.06%	1.29%	1.39%	1.51%	0.12%		
19.	ROAE	7.35	7.91	9.72	10.75	12.04	1.29		
20.	Net Interest Margin	3.19	3.15	3.38	3.23	3.22	-0.01		
21.	Efficiency Ratio	47.95	51.40	55.01	50.23	48.91	-1.32		
	Per Share								
22.	Earnings per Diluted Share	\$0.62	\$0.67	\$0.83	\$0.91	\$1.03	\$0.12		
23.	Tangible Book Value per Share	23.04	23.48	24.27	22.98	24.15	1.17		
24.	Dividend per Share	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.29	0.03		
25.	Dividend Payout Ratio	41.9%	38.8%	31.3%	28.6%	28.2%	-0.4%		

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2021 Year-to-Date Financial Results

	(\$M except per share data)	For the Six	Months Ended Jun	ie 30,				
		2019	2020	2021	Variance 9 YOY	% Variance YOY		
	Balance Sheet & Asset Quality							2021 Year-to-Date Highlights
1.	Total Assets	\$10,737.9	\$13,819.4	\$14,923.1	\$1,103.7	8.0%		
2.	Total Loans	7,517.2	9,299.4	9,139.8	(159.6)	-1.7%		
3.	Investments	2,092.9	2,789.4	4,148.3	1,358.9	48.7%	-	49.54 Efficiency Ratio
4.	Deposits	8,319.3	10,966.0	12,203.4	1,237.4	11.3%		
5.	Common Equity	1,501.6	1,809.1	1,871.8	62.7	3.5%		Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision (PTPP)
								earnings totaled \$124.3 million, an
6.	TCE Ratio	10.07%	9.31%	9.04%	-0.27%			
7.	Total RBC Ratio	14.56	14.18	14.21	0.03			increase of \$7.4 million over prior
								year
8.	ALLL / Loans	1.08	1.30	2.19	0.89			
9.	NCOs / Avg Loans	0.03	0.02	0.11	0.09			Net income, excluding the impact of
10.	NPAs + 90PD / Assets	0.26	0.46	0.40	-0.06			PPP loans, increased \$26.9 million
	Summary Income Statement							over prior year
11.	Net Interest Income	\$170.1	\$186.9	\$204.7	\$17.8	9.5%		
12.	Provision for Loan Losses	1.7	41.6	0.0	(41.6)	-100.0%		Tangible book value per share
13.	Non-interest Income	40.4	56.3	55.0	(1.3)	-2.3%		increased \$1.11 over prior year, or
14.	Non-interest Expense	114.2	126.2	135.4	9.2	7.3%		
15.	Pre-tax Income	94.6	75.4	124.3	48.9	64.9%		~5%, despite the impact of CECL
16.	Provision for Taxes	14.7	8.1	19.3	11.2	138.3%		adoption
17.	Net Income	79.9	67.3	105.0	37.7	56.0%		
18.	ROAA	1.55%	1.03%	1.45%	0.42%			
19.	ROAE	10.98	7.45	11.40	3.95			
20.	Net Interest Margin	3.78	3.32	3.23	-0.09			
21.	Efficiency Ratio	51.09	50.09	49.54	-0.55			
	Per Share							
22.	Earnings per Diluted Share	\$1.61	\$1.24	\$1.94	\$0.70			
23.	Tangible Book Value per Share	21.01	23.04	24.15	1.11			
24.	Dividend per Share	0.48	0.52	0.55	0.03			
25.	Dividend Payout Ratio	29.8%	41.9%	28.4%	-13.6%			



Investment Portfolio Highlights

2Q21 Investment Portfolio Composition



- Modified duration of 5.6 years
- Remaining 2021 roll off cash flow \$170 million / 2.33% yield
- Current purchase yield of ~2.00%
- AA rated municipal bond portfolio
- The Allowance for Credit Losses for Investments is \$245,000

Yield on Investments (%) / Total Investments (\$B)



Investment Portfolio Gains

Unrealized Gains

Net unrealized Gain of \$131.7 million

Realized Gains -

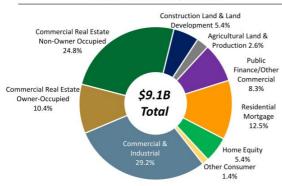
-	2Q 2020	\$3.1 million
	3Q 2020	\$1.8 million
	4Q 2020	\$2.4 million
\mathbf{r}	1Q 2021	\$1.8 million

2Q 2021 \$1.8 million



Loan Portfolio Highlights

2Q21 Loan Composition



Yield on Loans (%) / Total Loans (\$B)

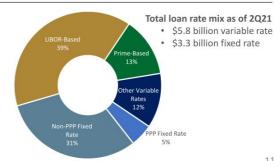




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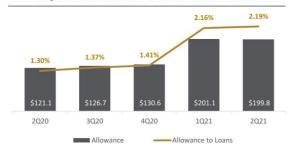
- Portfolio composition remains ~80% Commercial oriented
 - Composition mostly unchanged from prior quarter
- Loan yields remained strong at 4.05%, 3.78% excluding PPP loans and fair value accretion
- New/renewed loan yields averaged 3.27% for the quarter, compared to 3.63% in 1Q21, and 3.42% in 4Q20

2Q21 Portfolio by Yield Type

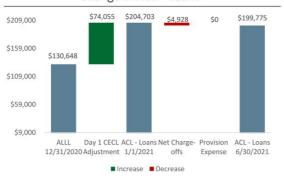


Allowance for Credit Losses - Loans

2Q21 Allowance for Credit Losses - Loans



Change in ACL - Loans¹



Highlights

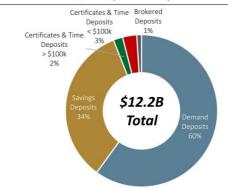
- Allowance to Loans, excluding PPP loans, is 2.29%
- The reserve for unfunded commitments was unchanged at \$20.5 million, and recorded in Other Liabilities
- Remaining fair value adjustment is \$13.9 million
- Impact of CECL transition is phased into regulatory capital over 3 years; quarter-end regulatory capital was reduced by 25% of adoption impact



¹Beginning January 1, 2021, calculation is based on the current expected credit losses methodolog Prior to January 1, 2021, calculation was based on incurred loss methodology

Deposit Portfolio Highlights

2Q21 Deposit Composition



Cost of Total Deposits (%) / Total Deposits (\$B)



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Highlights

- Strong core deposit base
 - 98% core deposits¹
 - 20% non-interest bearing
 - ~55% yield 5 bps or less
- Consumer DDA average balance per account peaked in April and is 26% higher than pre-pandemic levels

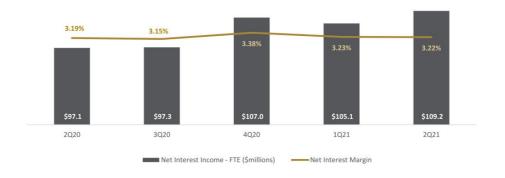
vs. Prior Periods

- Total deposit costs declined to 0.19% for Q2
 - Down 2 bps from 1Q21
 - Down 28 bps from 2Q20
- Average deposits up 19% when annualized from 1Q21, and 12% over prior year
 - Reflects increase in public funds deposits and retention of stimulus payments
 - Time deposits continue to migrate to money market and non-time interest bearing accounts

¹Defined as total deposits less time deposits > \$100k

Net Interest Margin

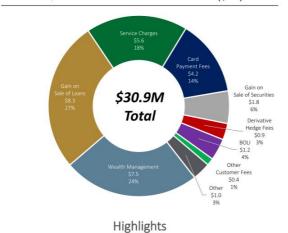
		2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21
1.	Net Interest Income - FTE (\$millions)	\$ 97.1	\$ 97.3	\$ 107.0	\$ 105.1	\$ 109.2
2.	Fair Value Accretion	\$ 3.7	\$ 3.3	\$ 3.0	\$	\$ 2.5
3.	PPP Loan Income	\$ 4.7	\$ 6.1	\$ 11.6	\$ 9.2	\$ 9.7
4.	Tax Equivalent Yield on Earning Assets	3.72%	3.58%	3.72%	3.52%	3.49%
5.	Interest Expense/Average Earning Assets	0.53%	0.43%	0.34%	0.29%	0.27%
6.	Net Interest Margin	3.19%	3.15%	3.38%	3.23%	3.22%
7.	Fair Value Accretion Effect	0.12%	0.10%	0.09%	0.06%	0.07%
8.	Impact of PPP Loans	-0.06%	-0.07%	0.16%	0.13%	0.15%





Non-Interest Income Highlights

2Q21 Non-Interest Income Detail (\$M)



- 87% in Customer-related fees totaling \$26.9 million for 2Q21
 - Increased \$6.2 million over 1Q21 driven by a \$4.3 million increase in gains on the sales of loans and a \$1.1 million increase in wealth management fees
- Gains on the sales of securities of \$1.8 million were consistent with prior quarter



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■ Service Charges 1021

Non-Interest Income Trends (\$M)

Fee Income / Revenue

2Q20

3Q20



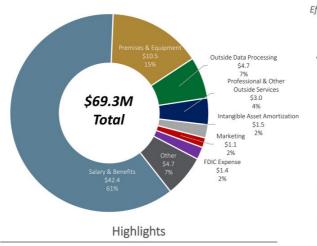
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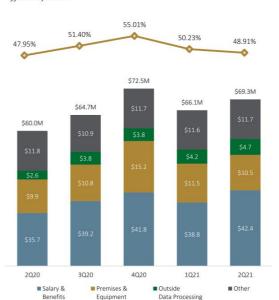
Non-Interest Expense Highlights

2Q21 Non-Interest Expense Detail

Non-Interest Expense Trends (\$M)



 2Q21 expenses increased \$3.2 million over 1Q21 reflecting higher salary expense and incentive accruals





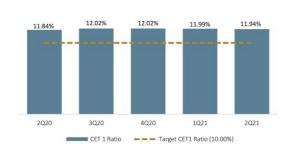
Capital Ratios

Tangible Common Equity Ratio



Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio

Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio







Loan Portfolio

Loan Portfolio Trends (\$M)

	2Q20	1Q21	2Q21
1. Commercial & Industrial	\$ 2,576	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,214
2. Sponsor Finance	326	430	460
3. CRE Owner Occupied	915	946	950
4. Construction/Land/Land Dev.	640	541	491
5. CRE Non-Owner Occupied	2,098	2,179	2,264
6. Agricultural	317	246	235
7. Public Finance/Other Commercial	<u>625</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>759</u>
8. Total Commercial Loans	7,497	7,470	7,373
9. Residential Mortgage	1,146	1,244	1,146
10. Home Equity	532	482	490
11. Other Consumer	<u>124</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>131</u>
12. Total Resid. Mortgage & Consumer	1,802	1,853	1,767
13. Total Loans	\$ 9,299	\$ 9,323	\$ 9,140
14. Paycheck Protection Program Loans ⁽¹⁾			\$ 416
15. Number of PPP loans			3,239
¹ Included in C&I and Sponsor above			

Highlights

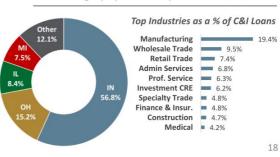
vs. Prior Quarter

- Total loans grew \$143 million excluding PPP
 - \$ 30 million Sponsor Finance
 - \$ 85 million CRE Non-Owner Occupied
 - \$ 81 million Public Finance
 - \$326 million PPP net reduction
 - \$20 new origination / \$352 forgiveness
 - \$8.2 2Q fee income / \$13.6 remaining

vs. 2Q20

- \$308 Million total loan growth excluding PPP
 - \$134 million Sponsor Finance
 - \$166 million CRE Non-Owner Occupied
 - \$134 million Public Finance
 - \$467 million PPP net reduction

Geography / C&I Top NAICS Sectors





Asset Quality

Asset Quality Trends (\$M)

	2Q20	1Q21	2Q21
1. Non-Accrual Loans	\$ 50.1	\$ 57.9	\$ 57.6
2. Other Real Estate	7.4	0.6	0.6
3. 90PD Loans	5.0	1.1	0.2
4. Renegotiated Loans	1.1	0.7	0.6
5. NPAs + 90PD	\$ 63.6	\$ 60.3	\$ 59.0
6. NPAs + 90PD/Loans + ORE	0.68%	0.65%	0.65%
7. Classified Loans	\$ 239.6	\$ 247.7	\$ 183.7
8. Classified Loans/Total Loans	2.58%	2.66%	2.01%
9. Net Charge-offs (QTD)	\$ 0.2	\$ 3.6	\$ 1.3
10. QTD NCO/Avg. Loans (Annualized)	0.01%	0.16%	0.06%

	2Q21
11. COVID Deferrals	\$ 40.3
12. COVID Deferrals #	33

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Highlights

vs. Prior Quarter

- Non-accrual loans decreased \$.3 million
- NPAs + 90PD decreased \$1.3 million, remained at 65 basis points of loans + ORE
- Classified loans decreased \$64.0 million
 - Largest reductions in manufacturing, senior living and other administrative services

vs. 2Q20

- Non-accrual loans increased \$7.5 million
- Other Real Estate decreased \$6.8 million
- NPAs + 90PD decreased \$4.6 million
- Classified Loans decreased \$55.9 million



Non-Performing Assets

Non-Performing Assets Roll Forward (\$M)

		1Q21	2Q21
1.	Beginning Balance NPAs + 90PD	\$ 66.4	\$ 60.3
	Non-Accrual		
2.	Add: New Non-Accruals	6.5	5.4
3.	Less: To Accrual/Payoff/Renegotiated	(5.8)	(4.0)
4.	Less: To OREO	-	-
5.	Less: Charge-offs	(4.3)	(1.7)
6.	Non-Accrual Loans Change	(3.6)	(0.3)
	Other Real Estate Owned (ORE)		
7.	Add: New ORE Properties	-	-
8.	Less: ORE Sold	(0.3)	-
9.	Less: ORE Losses (write-downs)		
10.	ORE Change	(0.3)	-
11.	90PD Change	0.3	(0.9)
12.	Renegotiated Loans Change	(2.5)	<u>(0.1)</u>
13.	NPAs + 90PD Change	(6.1)	(1.3)
14.	Ending Balance NPAs + 90PD	\$ 60.3	\$ 59.0

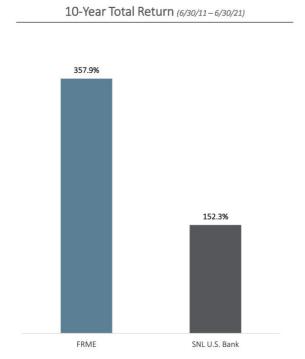
Highlights

2nd Quarter NPA Roll Forward

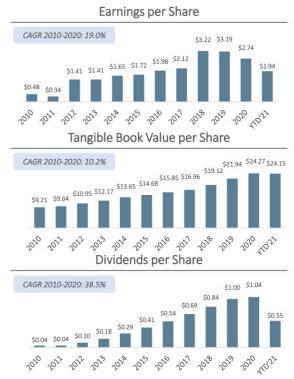
- \$1.3 million net reduction in NPAs + 90 PD
- \$5.4 million in new non-accruals
 - Mainly from three commercial real estate loans
- Top Three Nonaccrual Names total \$36.2 million
- \$1.7 million of gross charge-offs in 2Q21 with recoveries of \$.4 million



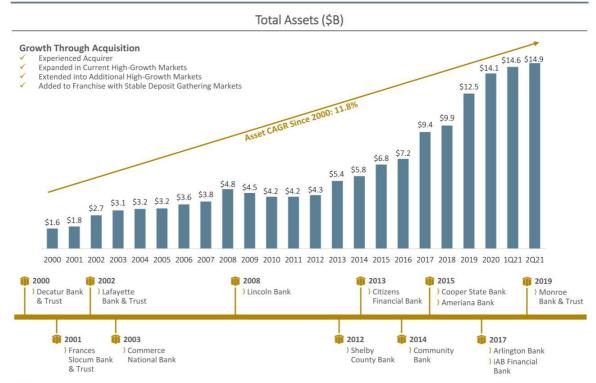
Track Record of Shareholder Value







History of Organic and Whole Bank Acquisition Growth



First Merchants Corporation

Vision for the Future

People:

- Enhance our culture through the power of collaboration, accountability and effective
- Source, recruit, onboard and engage a diverse and inclusive workforce with a commitment to career pathing and market level compensation

Process:

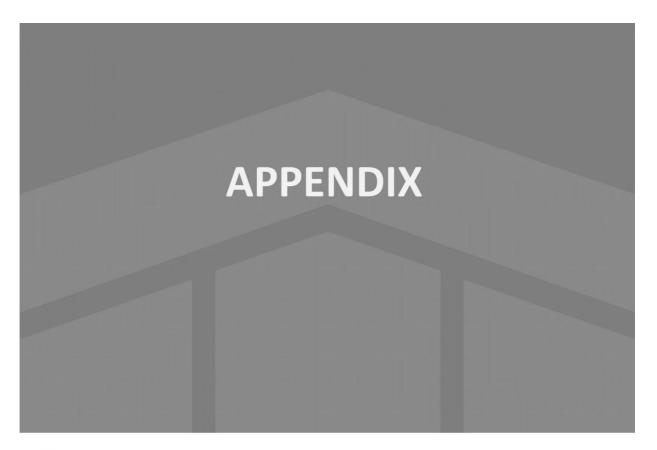
- Communicate our Corporate Social Responsibility strategy and success
- Uphold a corporate governance system inclusive of enterprise risk management to ensure safety, soundness and sustainability
- Ensure that acquisitions continue as a core competency

Customer: •

- Implement organic revenue-generating disciplines that attracts new business, delivers the whole bank and achieves industry leading levels of retention
- Commit to the digital transformation of the bank across all lines of business to enhance and automate the client experience
- Broaden our revenue streams across various lines of businesses, products, clients and geographies

- Financial: Maintain top-quartile financial performance while investing in all parts of the business
 - Manage & cultivate a changing shareholder base







Non-GAAP

CAPITAL RATIOS (dollars in thousands):

	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio (dollars in thousands)	a discontinu		100 CONTROLOS	50 60 T (1986)	1000000000000	
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	1,809,095	1,833,656	1,875,645	1,805,856	1,871,800	
Adjust for Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Income) Loss 1	(63,845)	(65,468)	(74,836)	(35,810)	(60,080)	
Less: Preferred Stock	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	
Add: Qualifying Capital Securities	46,248	46,308	46,368	46,427	46,487	
Less: Tier 1 Capital Deductions				167	10	
Less: Disallowed Goodwill and Intangible Assets	(567,246)	(566,072)	(564,982)	(563,889)	(566,412)	
Less: Disallowed Deferred Tax Assets		-	-	(1,379)	(1,152)	
Add: Modified CECL Transition Amount			-	40,314	40,314	
Total Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$ 1,224,127 \$	1,248,299	\$ 1,282,070	\$ 1,291,394 \$	1,330,832	
Qualifying Subordinated Debentures	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	
Allowance for Loan Losses includible in Tier 2 Capital	121,119	125,032	128,481	131,061	135,690	
Total Risk-Based Capital (Regulatory)	\$ 1,410,246 \$	1,438,331	\$ 1,475,551	\$ 1,487,455 \$	1,531,522	
Net Risk-Weighted Assets (Regulatory)	\$ 9,946,087 \$	10,000,878	\$ 10,276,333	\$ 10,383,360 \$	10,759,672	
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio (Regulatory)	14.18%	14.38%	14.36%	14.33%	14.23%	
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio						
Total Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$ 1,224,127 \$	1,248,299	\$ 1,282,070	\$ 1,291,394 \$	1,330,832	
Less: Qualified Capital Securities	(46,248)	(46,308)	(46,368)	(46,427)	(46,487)	
Add: Additional Tier 1 Capital Deductions	-	-	-	-	-	
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$ 1,177,879 \$	1,201,991	\$ 1,235,702	\$ 1,244,967 \$	1,284,345	
Net Risk-Weighted Assets (Regulatory)	\$ 9,946,087 \$	10,000,878	\$ 10,276,333	\$ 10,383,360 \$	10,759,672	
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Regulatory)	11.84%	12.02%	12.02%	11.99%	11.94%	

¹ Includes net unrealized gains or losses on securities available for sale, net gains or losses on cash flow hedges, and amounts resulting from the application of the applicable accounting guidance for defined benefit and other postretirement plans.



Non-GAAP

TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY RATIO (dollars in thousands):

	2Q20		3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21
Tangible Common Equity Ratio (dollars in thousands)						
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$ 1,809,095	5	1,833,656	\$ 1,875,645	\$ 1,805,856	\$ 1,871,800
Less: Preferred Stock	(125)		(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
Less: Intangible Assets	(575,855)		(574,369)	(572,893)	(571,536)	(573,786)
Tangible Common Equity (non-GAAP)	\$ 1,233,115	\$	1,259,162	\$ 1,302,627	\$ 1,234,195	\$ 1,297,889
Total Assets (GAAP)	\$ 13,819,378	\$	13,737,350	\$ 14,067,210	\$ 14,629,066	\$ 14,923,097
Less: Intangible Assets	(575,855)		(574,369)	(572,893)	(571,536)	(573,786)
Tangible Assets (non-GAAP)	\$ 13,243,523	5	13,162,981	\$ 13,494,317	\$ 14,057,530	\$ 14,349,311
Tangible Common Equity Ratio (non-GAAP)	9.31%		9.57%	9.65%	8.78%	9.04%

TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY PER SHARE (dollars in thousands):

		4Q10		4Q11		4Q12		4Q13		4Q14		4Q15
Tangible Common Equity Per Share												
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$	454,408	\$	514,467	\$	552,236	\$	634,923	\$	726,827	\$	850,509
Less: Preferred Stock		(67,880)		(90,783)		(90,908)		(125)		(125)		(125)
Less: Intangible Assets		(154,019)		(150,471)		(149,529)		(202,767)		(218,755)		(259,764)
Tax Benefit		2,907		2,224		2,249		4,973		6,085		6,278
Tangible Common Equity, Net of Tax (non-GAAP	\$	235,416	\$	275,437	\$	314,048	\$	437,004	\$	514,032	\$	596,898
Shares Outstanding	2	5,574,251	2	8,559,707	2	8,692,616	3	5,921,761	3	7,669,948	41	0,664,258
Tangible Common Equity per Share (non-GAAP)	\$	9.21	\$	9.64	\$	10.95	\$	12.17	\$	13.65	\$	14.68

TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY PER SHARE (dollars in thousands):

		4Q16	4Q17		4Q18	4Q19	4Q20	2Q21
Tangible Common Equity Per Share								
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$	901,657	\$ 1,303,463	\$:	1,408,260	\$1,786,437	\$ 1,875,645	\$1,871,800
Less: Preferred Stock		(125)	(125)		(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
Less: Intangible Assets		(258,866)	(476,503)		(469,784)	(578,881)	(572,893)	(573,786)
Tax Benefit		5,930	6,788		5,017	7,257	5,989	5,432
Tangible Common Equity, Net of Tax (non-GAAP	\$	648,596	\$ 833,623	\$	943,368	\$ 1,214,688	\$ 1,308,616	\$1,303,321
Shares Outstanding	4	0,912,697	49,158,238	49	9,349,800	55,368,482	53,922,359	53,972,386
Tangible Common Equity per Share (non-GAAP)	\$	15.85	\$ 16.96	\$	19.12	\$ 21.94	\$ 24.27	\$ 24.15



Non-GAAP

EFFICIENCY RATIO (dollars in thousands): 1Q21 EFFICIENCY RATIO (dollars in thousands): Non Interest Expense (GAAP) 59,989 \$ 64,709 72,536 66,098 69,295 \$ 114,208 \$ 126,160 Less: Intangible Asset Amortization (1,511)(1,486) (1,476) (1,357) (1,464)(3,048) (3,025) Less: OREO and Foreclosure Expenses (684) (717)1,576 (734)(178)(2,068)(1.189)(912) Adjusted Non Interest Expense (non-GAAP) 64,007 57,794 67,653 121,946 131,660 62,506 72,636 109,092 Net Interest Income (GAAP) 93,018 92,921 102,311 100,428 104,264 170,144 186,895 204,692 Plus: Fully Taxable Equivalent Adjustment 4,088 4,340 4,644 4,711 4,948 6,039 7,982 9,659 Net Interest Income on a Fully Taxable Equivalent Basis (non-GAAP) 97,106 97,261 106,955 105,139 109,212 176,183 194,877 214,351 Non Interest Income (GAAP) 26,481 26,163 27,483 24,091 30,884 40,327 56,280 54,975 Less: Investment Securities Gains (Losses) (3,068) (1,817) (2,398) (1,799) (1,761) (2,983) (7,680) (3,560) Adjusted Non Interest Income (non-GAAP) 23,413 24,346 25,085 51,415 Adjusted Revenue (non-GAAP) 120,519 121,607 132,040 127,431 138,335 213,527 243,477 265,766 Efficiency Ratio (non-GAAP) 47.95% 51.40% 55.01% 50.23% 48.91% 51.09% 50.09% 49.54%

RETURN ON TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY (dollars in thousands):

	2	Q21 YTD		2Q21
Return on Tangible Common Equity	- 13			
Total Average Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$:	1,843,250	\$ 1	,846,037
Less: Average Preferred Stock		(125)		(125)
Less: Average Intangible Assets, Net of Tax		(567,795)		(569,107)
Average Tangible Common Equity, Net of Tax (non-GAAP)	\$:	1,275,330	\$ 1	,276,805
Net Income (GAAP)	\$	105,028	\$	55,559
Less: Intangible Asset Amortization, Net of Tax		2,228		1,156
Tangible Net Income (non-GAAP)	\$	107,256	\$	56,715
Return on Tangible Common Equity (non-GAAP)		16.82%		17.77%

