# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

(Mar	k One)		
X	QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT 1934	TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SEC	CURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
	For the quarterly period ended September	er 30, 2015	
		OR	
	TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT T	O SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SEC	CURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
	For the transition period from to		
		Commission File Number: 0-16772	
	P	eoples (	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e
		PEOPLES BANCORP INC.	
_	`	name of Registrant as specified in its cha	,
_	Ohio		31-0987416
	(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)		(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
	138 Putnam Street, P. O. Box 738, Marietta, Ohio		45750
_	(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
R	Registrant's telephone number, including area code:		(740) 373-3155
		Not Applicable	
	(Former nam	e, former address and former fiscal year, since last report)	, if changed
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Indic	ate by check mark whether the registrant is	a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b	b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes □ No 🗵

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 18,406,224 common shares, without par value, at October 28, 2015.

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PART I

# ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PEOPLES BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)	Sej	ptember 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets			
Cash and due from banks	\$	51,770	\$ 42,230
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks		11,971	19,224
Total cash and cash equivalents		63,741	61,454
Available-for-sale investment securities, at fair value (amortized cost of \$780,609 at September 30, 2015 and \$632,967 at December 31, 2014)		793,285	636,880
Held-to-maturity investment securities, at amortized cost (fair value of \$47,135 at September 30, 2015 and \$48,442 at December 31, 2014)		46,399	48,468
Other investment securities, at cost		38,496	28,311
Total investment securities		878,180	713,659
Loans, net of deferred fees and costs		2,050,245	1,620,898
Allowance for loan losses		(23,331)	(17,881)
Net loans		2,026,914	1,603,017
Loans held for sale		1,636	4,374
Bank premises and equipment, net		53,401	40,335
Goodwill		133,201	98,562
Other intangible assets		18,138	10,596
Other assets		53,619	35,772
Total assets	\$	3,228,830	\$ 2,567,769
Liabilities			
Non-interest-bearing deposits	\$	711,226	\$ 493,162
Interest-bearing deposits		1,819,630	1,439,912
Total deposits		2,530,856	1,933,074
Short-term borrowings		129,165	88,277
Long-term borrowings		116,400	179,083
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		27,649	27,217
Total liabilities		2,804,070	2,227,651
Stockholders' Equity			
Preferred stock, no par value, 50,000 shares authorized, no shares issued at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014		_	_
Common stock, no par value, 24,000,000 shares authorized, 18,932,498 shares issued at September 30, 2015 and 15,599,643 shares issued at December 31, 2014, including shares in treasury		343,505	265,742
Retained earnings		90,960	90,391
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of deferred income taxes		4,985	(1,301)
Treasury stock, at cost, 589,396 shares at September 30, 2015 and 590,246 shares at December 31, 2014		(14,690)	(14,714)
Total stockholders' equity		424,760	340,118
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	3,228,830	\$ 2,567,769

# PEOPLES BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Mont Septem	ber 30,	
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)		2015	2014		2015	2014	
Interest Income:							
Interest and fees on loans	\$	22,870			. ,		
Interest and dividends on taxable investment securities		4,484	4,18		13,400	12,661	
Interest on tax-exempt investment securities		800	470		2,202	1,332	
Other interest income (expense)		24		5	125	(14)	
Total interest income		28,178	20,566	5	79,903	57,332	
Interest Expense:							
Interest on deposits		1,539	1,514		4,716	4,548	
Interest on short-term borrowings		42	40		108	114	
Interest on long-term borrowings		1,061	1,14		3,331	3,288	
Total interest expense		2,642	2,707		8,155	7,950	
Net interest income		25,536	17,859		71,748	49,382	
Provision for (recovery of) loan losses		5,837	(380		6,859	211	
Net interest income after provision for (recovery of) loan losses		19,699	18,239	)	64,889	49,171	
Other Income:							
Insurance income		3,275	3,169		10,870	10,728	
Deposit account service charges		2,922	2,449		8,065	6,787	
Trust and investment income		2,497	1,876		7,088	5,656	
Electronic banking income		2,241	1,695		6,533	4,796	
Mortgage banking income		212	334		927	872	
Net gain on investment securities		62	124		673	160	
Net loss on asset disposals and other transactions		(51)	(109	/	(1,290)	(285)	
Other non-interest income		759	338		1,857	1,036	
Total other income		11,917	9,876	5	34,723	29,750	
Other Expenses:							
Salaries and employee benefit costs		13,572	11,667		45,493	33,700	
Net occupancy and equipment		2,840	2,267		8,273	5,822	
Professional fees		1,287	1,45		5,542	3,625	
Electronic banking expense		1,408	1,283		3,852	3,316	
Amortization of other intangible assets		1,127	367		2,944	912	
Data processing and software		910	673		2,670	1,798	
Marketing expense		459	668		2,175	1,540	
Communication expense		628	421		1,722	1,170	
Franchise tax		502	388		1,552	1,215	
FDIC insurance		562	331		1,516	878	
Foreclosed real estate and other loan expenses		159	177		1,031	509	
Other non-interest expense		2,658	2,514		11,034	6,543	
Total other expenses		26,112	22,207		87,804	61,028	
Income before income taxes		5,504	5,908		11,808	17,893	
Income tax expense		1,370	1,729		3,450	5,454	
Net income	\$	4,134					
Earnings per common share - basic	\$	0.23					
Earnings per common share - diluted	\$	0.22					
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding - basic			12,632,341		17,357,034	11,348,625	
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding - diluted			12,765,880			11,464,020	
Cash dividends declared	\$	2,759					
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$	0.15	\$ 0.15	5 \$	0.45	\$ 0.45	

# PEOPLES BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>			ľ	Nine Months	Ended
		Septembe	r 30,		Septembe	r 30,
(Dollars in thousands)		2015	2014		2015	2014
Net income	\$	4,134 \$	4,179	\$	8,358 \$	12,439
Other comprehensive income (loss):						
Available-for-sale investment securities:						
Gross unrealized holding gain (loss) arising in the period		7,171	(395)		9,458	15,503
Related tax (expense) benefit		(2,509)	139		(3,309)	(5,426)
Less: reclassification adjustment for net gain included in net income		62	124		673	160
Related tax expense		(22)	(43)		(236)	(56)
Net effect on other comprehensive income (loss)		4,622	(337)		5,712	9,973
Defined benefit plans:						
Net (loss) income arising during the period		(167)	(311)		340	(1,490)
Related tax benefit (expense)		58	109		(119)	522
Amortization of unrecognized loss and service cost on benefit plans		26	32		88	97
Related tax expense		(9)	(11)		(30)	(34)
Recognition of loss due to settlement and curtailment		82	361		454	1,383
Related tax expense		(29)	(126)		(159)	(484)
Net effect on other comprehensive (loss) income		(39)	54		574	(6)
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax (expense) benefit		4,583	(283)		6,286	9,967
Total comprehensive income	\$	8,717 \$	3,896	\$	14,644 \$	22,406

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)	Common Shares	 etained arnings	Accumula Other Comprehe Income (L	nsive '	Treasury Stock	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 265,742	\$ 90,391	\$ (	1,301) \$	(14,714)	\$ 340,118
Net income	_	8,358		_	_	8,358
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	_	_		6,286	_	6,286
Cash dividends declared	_	(7,789)		_	_	(7,789)
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	63	_		_	_	63
Reissuance of treasury stock for deferred compensation plan for Boards of Directors	_	_		_	184	184
Purchase of treasury stock	_	_		_	(628)	(628)
Common shares issued under dividend reinvestment plan	299	_		_	_	299
Common shares issued under compensation plan for Board of Directors	(23)	_		_	178	155
Common shares issued under employee stock purchase plan	(35)	_		_	290	255
Stock-based compensation expense	1,432	_		_	_	1,432
Issuance of common shares related to acquisition of NB&T Financial Group, Inc.	76,027	_		_	_	76,027
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ 343,505	\$ 90,960	\$	4,985 \$	(14,690)	\$ 424,760

# PEOPLES BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

	N	Nine Mont Septem		· 30,
(Dollars in thousands)		2015		2014
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	31,096	\$	19,422
Investing activities:				
Available-for-sale investment securities:				
Purchases		(155,043)	(	(109,356)
Proceeds from sales		49,918		88,561
Proceeds from principal payments, calls and prepayments		95,107		55,170
Held-to-maturity investment securities:				
Purchases				(1,017)
Proceeds from principal payments		1,712		1,022
Net increase in loans		(43,102)		(67,963)
Net expenditures for premises and equipment		(7,049)		(5,363)
Proceeds from sales of other real estate owned		509		204
Proceeds from bank owned life insurance contracts		_		6,322
Business acquisitions, net of cash received		97,277		10,080
(Return of) investment in limited partnership and tax credit funds		(108)		358
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		39,221		(21,982)
Financing activities:				
Net increase in non-interest-bearing deposits		92,628		43,085
Net decrease in interest-bearing deposits		(123,889)		(15,270)
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings		40,888		(45,753)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings		_		5,268
Payments on long-term borrowings		(69,666)		(7,916)
Cash dividends paid		(7,426)		(4,618)
Purchase of treasury stock		(628)		(407)
Proceeds from issuance of common shares				40,242
Excess tax benefit from share-based payments		63		79
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(68,030)		14,710
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		2,287		12,150
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		61,454		53,820
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	63,741	\$	65,970

#### PEOPLES BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation: The accompanying Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of Peoples Bancorp Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Peoples" refers to Peoples Bancorp Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries collectively, except where the context indicates the reference relates solely to Peoples Bancorp Inc.) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("US GAAP") for interim financial information and the instructions for Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, these financial statements do not contain all of the information and footnotes required by US GAAP for annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with Peoples' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 ("2014 Form 10-K").

The accounting and reporting policies followed in the presentation of the accompanying Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements are consistent with those described in Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K, as updated by the information contained in this Form 10-Q. Management has evaluated all significant events and transactions that occurred after September 30, 2015 for potential recognition or disclosure in these consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, these consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary to present fairly such information for the periods and dates indicated. Such adjustments are normal and recurring in nature. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2014, contained herein, has been derived from the audited Consolidated Balance Sheet included in Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year, due in part to seasonal variations and unusual or infrequently occurring items.

**New Accounting Pronouncements:** From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") or other standard setting bodies that are adopted by Peoples as of the required effective dates. Unless otherwise discussed, management believes the impact of any recently issued standards, including those issued but not yet effective, will not have a material impact on Peoples' financial statements taken as a whole.

In September 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standards update 2015-16 - Business Combinations (Topic 805): Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments. The simplification eliminates the requirement for an acquirer in a business combination to account for measurement-period adjustments retrospectively. Instead, acquirers must recognize measurement-period adjustments during the period in which they determine the amounts of such adjustments, including the effect on earnings of any amounts they would have recorded in previous periods if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. For public business entities (such as Peoples), the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The amendments are to be applied prospectively to adjustments to provisional amounts that occur after the effective date of the amendments with earlier application permitted for financial statements that have not been issued. Peoples elected to early adopt as of July 1, 2015, and will recognize measurement-period adjustments during the period in which Peoples determines the amounts of such adjustments, including the effect on earnings of any amounts that would have been recorded in previous periods if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date.

In May 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance that revises the criteria for determining when to recognize revenue from contracts with customers and expands disclosure requirements. This accounting guidance can be implemented using either a retrospective method or a cumulative-effect approach. In August 2015, the FASB issued an update that defers the effective date of the revenue recognition guidance by one year. This new guidance will be effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 (effective January 1, 2018, for Peoples). Early adoption is permitted but only for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Peoples has elected to implement this new accounting guidance using a cumulative-effect approach. Management's preliminary analysis suggests that the adoption of this new accounting guidance is not expected to have a material effect on Peoples' financial condition or results of operations. There are many aspects of this new accounting guidance that are still being interpreted, and the FASB has recently issued and proposed updates to certain aspects of the guidance. Therefore, the results of Peoples' preliminary analysis of the materiality of the adoption of this new accounting guidance may change based on the conclusions reached as to the application of the new accounting guidance.

Note 2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Available-for-sale securities measured at fair value on a recurring basis comprised the following:

			Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Usi								
(Dollars in thousands)	I	Fair Value		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant nobservable Inputs (Level 3)			
<b>September 30, 2015</b>											
Obligations of:											
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_			
U.S. government sponsored agencies		2,993		_		2,993		_			
States and political subdivisions		115,249		_		115,249		_			
Residential mortgage-backed securities		639,327				639,327					
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		24,348		_		24,348		_			
Bank-issued trust preferred securities		4,776				4,776					
Equity securities		6,592		6,383		209					
Total available-for-sale securities	\$	793,285	\$	6,383	\$	786,902	\$				
December 31, 2014											
Obligations of:											
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	\$	1	\$	_	\$	1	\$	_			
U.S. government sponsored agencies		5,950		_		5,950					
States and political subdivisions		64,743		_		64,743		_			
Residential mortgage-backed securities		527,291		_		527,291		_			
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		27,847		_		27,847					
Bank-issued trust preferred securities		5,645				5,645					
Equity securities		5,403		5,204		199					
Total available-for-sale securities	\$	636,880	\$	5,204	\$	631,676	\$				

Held-to-maturity securities reported at fair value comprised the following:

		Fair Value at Reporting Date Using								
			ouoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets		Significant Other Observable Inputs		Significant nobservable Inputs			
(Dollars in thousands)	Fair Value		(Level 1)		(Level 2)		(Level 3)			
<b>September 30, 2015</b>										
Obligations of:										
States and political subdivisions	\$ 4,258	\$	<del></del>	\$	4,258	\$	_			
Residential mortgage-backed securities	36,080		_		36,080		<u> </u>			
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	6,797		<del></del>		6,797		_			
Total held-to-maturity securities	\$ 47,135	\$	_	\$	47,135	\$				
December 31, 2014										
Obligations of:										
States and political subdivisions	\$ 4,282	\$	_	\$	4,282	\$	_			
Residential mortgage-backed securities	36,740				36,740		_			
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	7,420		_		7,420		_			
Total held-to-maturity securities	\$ 48,442	\$	_	\$	48,442	\$	_			

The fair values used by Peoples are obtained from an independent pricing service and represent either quoted market prices for the identical securities (Level 1 inputs) or fair values determined by pricing models using a market approach that considers observable market data, such as interest rate volatilities, LIBOR yield curves, credit spreads and prices from market makers and live trading systems (Level 2). Management reviews the valuation methodology and quality controls utilized by

the pricing services in management's overall assessment of the reasonableness of the fair values provided, and challenges prices when they believe a material discrepancy in pricing exists.

Certain financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis; that is, the instruments are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). Financial assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis included the following:

Impaired Loans: Impaired loans are measured and reported at fair value when the amounts to be received are less than the carrying value of the loans. One of the allowable methods for determining the amount of impairment is estimating fair value using the fair value of the collateral for collateral-dependent loans. Management's determination of the fair value for these loans uses a market approach representing the estimated net proceeds to be received from the sale of the collateral based on observable market prices or market value provided by independent, licensed or certified appraisers (Level 2 inputs). At September 30, 2015, impaired loans with an aggregate outstanding principal balance of \$58.7 million were measured and reported at a fair value of \$48.1 million. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, Peoples recognized \$4.1 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, of losses on impaired loans through the allowance for loan losses.

The following table presents the fair values of financial assets and liabilities carried on Peoples' Consolidated Balance Sheets, including those financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured and reported at fair value on a recurring basis or non-recurring basis:

	 <b>September 30, 2015</b>				Decembe	r 31	31, 2014		
(Dollars in thousands)	Carrying Amount	F	air Value		Carrying Amount	F	air Value		
Financial assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 63,741	\$	63,741	\$	61,454	\$	61,454		
Investment securities	878,180		878,916		713,659		713,633		
Loans	2,028,550		1,990,941		1,607,391		1,581,813		
Financial liabilities:									
Deposits	\$ 2,530,856	\$	2,535,874	\$	1,933,074	\$	1,938,021		
Short-term borrowings	129,165		129,165		88,277		88,277		
Long-term borrowings	116,400		121,753		179,083		183,878		

The methodologies for estimating the fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring or non-recurring basis are discussed above. For certain financial assets and liabilities, carrying value approximates fair value due to the nature of the financial instrument. These instruments include cash and cash equivalents, demand and other non-maturity deposits, and overnight borrowings. Peoples used the following methods and assumptions in estimating the fair value of the following financial instruments:

**Loans:** The fair value of portfolio loans assumes sale of the notes to a third-party financial investor. Accordingly, this value is not necessarily the value to Peoples if the notes were held to maturity. Peoples considered interest rate, credit and market factors in estimating the fair value of loans (Level 3 inputs). In the current whole loan market, financial investors are generally requiring a much higher rate of return than the return inherent in loans if held to maturity given the lack of market liquidity. This divergence accounts for the majority of the difference in carrying amount over fair value.

**Deposits:** The fair value of fixed maturity certificates of deposit is estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation based on current rates offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities (Level 2 inputs).

**Long-term Borrowings:** The fair value of long-term borrowings is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis based on rates currently available to Peoples for borrowings with similar terms (Level 2 inputs).

Bank premises and equipment, customer relationships, deposit base, banking center networks, and other information required to compute Peoples' aggregate fair value are not included in the above information. Accordingly, the above fair values are not intended to represent the aggregate fair value of Peoples.

#### **Note 3. Investment Securities**

#### Available-for-sale

The following table summarizes Peoples' available-for-sale investment securities:

(Dollars in thousands)	Amortized Unrealized Unrealized Cost Gains Cosses		nrealized	Fair Value		
<b>September 30, 2015</b>						
Obligations of:						
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_ \$	· —
U.S. government sponsored agencies		2,904	89		_	2,993
States and political subdivisions		112,132	3,196		(79)	115,249
Residential mortgage-backed securities		634,892	8,836		(4,401)	639,327
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		23,930	418		_	24,348
Bank-issued trust preferred securities		5,140	42		(406)	4,776
Equity securities		1,611	5,071		(90)	6,592
Total available-for-sale securities	\$	780,609	\$ 17,652	\$	(4,976) \$	793,285
December 31, 2014						
Obligations of:						
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	\$	1	\$ _	\$	_ 5	5 1
U.S. government sponsored agencies		5,836	114			5,950
States and political subdivisions		62,292	2,510		(59)	64,743
Residential mortgage-backed securities		529,245	5,910		(7,864)	527,291
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		28,021	112		(286)	27,847
Bank-issued trust preferred securities		6,132	3		(490)	5,645
Equity securities		1,440	4,044		(81)	5,403
Total available-for-sale securities	\$	632,967	\$ 12,693	\$	(8,780) 5	636,880

Peoples' investment in equity securities was comprised largely of common stocks issued by various unrelated bank holding companies at both September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014. At September 30, 2015, there were no securities of a single issuer, other than U.S. Treasury and government agencies, and U.S. government sponsored agencies/enterprises, that exceeded 10% of stockholders' equity.

The gross gains and gross losses realized by Peoples from sales of available-for-sale securities for the periods ended September 30 were as follows:

	Th	<b>Three Months Ended</b>				Ended
		September	September 30,			
(Dollars in thousands)	2	015	2014		2015	2014
Gross gains realized	\$	94 \$	129	\$	726 \$	863
Gross losses realized		32	5		53	703
Net gain realized	\$	62 \$	124	\$	673 \$	160

The cost of investment securities sold, and any resulting gain or loss, was based on the specific identification method and recognized as of the trade date.

The following table presents a summary of available-for-sale investment securities that had an unrealized loss:

	Les	s than 12 Mo	nths	12	Month	s or N	Total			
(Dollars in thousands)	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	No. of Securities	Fair Value	Unrea Lo		No. of Securities	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	
September 30, 2015										
Obligations of:										
States and political subdivisions	\$ 7,453	\$ 71	15	\$ 213	\$	8	1	\$ 7,666	\$ 79	
Residential mortgage-backed securities	105,219	1,167	28	96,747		3,234	31	201,966	4,401	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	
Bank-issued trust preferred securities	2,139	3	_	2,595		403	3	4,734	406	
Equity securities	339	17	2	102		73	1	441	90	
Total	\$115,150	\$ 1,258	45	\$ 99,657	\$	3,718	36	\$214,807	\$ 4,976	
December 31, 2014										
Obligations of:										
States and political subdivisions	\$ 2,602	\$ 12	4	\$ 5,788	\$	47	8	\$ 8,390	\$ 59	
Residential mortgage-backed securities	114,018	1,091	21	216,224		6,773	57	330,242	7,864	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	_	_	_	19,404		286	4	19,404	286	
Bank-issued trust preferred securities	_	_	_	2,509		490	3	2,509	490	
Equity securities	40	2	2	96		79	1	136	81	
Total	\$116,660	\$ 1,105	27	\$244,021	\$	7,675	73	\$360,681	\$ 8,780	

Management systematically evaluates available-for-sale investment securities for other-than-temporary declines in fair value on a quarterly basis. At September 30, 2015, management concluded no individual securities were other-than-temporarily impaired since Peoples did not have the intent to sell, nor was it more likely than not that Peoples would be required to sell any of the securities with an unrealized loss prior to recovery. Further, the unrealized losses at both September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, were largely attributable to changes in market interest rates and spreads since the securities were purchased.

At September 30, 2015, approximately 97% of the mortgage-backed securities that had been at an unrealized loss position for twelve months or more were issued by U.S. government sponsored agencies. The remaining 3%, or three positions, consisted of privately issued mortgage-backed securities with all of the underlying mortgages originated prior to 2004. Two of the three positions had a fair value less than 90% of their book value, with an aggregate book and fair value of \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. Management analyzed the underlying credit quality of these securities and concluded the unrealized losses were primarily attributable to the floating rate nature of these investments and the low number of loans remaining in these securities.

Furthermore, the three bank-issued trust preferred securities that had been in an unrealized loss position for twelve months or more at September 30, 2015 were primarily attributable to the floating nature of those investments, the current interest rate environment and spreads within that sector.

The table below presents the amortized cost, fair value and total weighted-average yield of available-for-sale securities by contractual maturity at September 30, 2015. The weighted-average yields are based on the amortized cost. In some cases, the issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations without call or prepayment penalties prior to the contractual maturity date. Rates are calculated on a fully tax-equivalent basis using a 35% federal income tax rate.

(Dollars in thousands)	Within 1 Year			1 to 5 Years		5 to 10 Years	Over 10 Years		Total
Amortized cost									
Obligations of:									
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ —	\$	_
U.S. government sponsored agencies				989			1,915		2,904
States and political subdivisions		246		9,275		29,640	72,971		112,132
Residential mortgage-backed securities		_		9,728		51,764	573,400		634,892
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		_		_		20,026	3,904		23,930
Bank-issued trust preferred securities		_		_		_	5,140		5,140
Equity securities									1,611
Total available-for-sale securities	\$	246	\$	19,992	\$	101,430	\$ 657,330	\$	780,609
Fair value									
Obligations of:									
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ —	\$	_
U.S. government sponsored agencies		_		1,000		_	1,993		2,993
States and political subdivisions		248		9,586		30,477	74,938		115,249
Residential mortgage-backed securities		_		9,763		52,331	577,233		639,327
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		_		_		20,365	3,983		24,348
Bank-issued trust preferred securities		_		_		_	4,776		4,776
Equity securities									6,592
Total available-for-sale securities	\$	248	\$	20,349	\$	103,173	\$ 662,923	\$	793,285
Total weighted-average yield		5.04%	Ó	2.16%	ó	2.78%	2.63%	D	2.65%

# **Held-to-Maturity**

The following table summarizes Peoples' held-to-maturity investment securities:

(Dollars in thousands)	Ar	nortized Cost	U	Gross nrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses		Fair Value
<b>September 30, 2015</b>							
Obligations of:							
States and political subdivisions	\$	3,833	\$	430	\$	(5)	\$ 4,258
Residential mortgage-backed securities		35,712		666		(298)	36,080
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		6,854		_		(57)	6,797
Total held-to-maturity securities	\$	46,399	\$	1,096	\$	(360)	\$ 47,135
December 31, 2014							
Obligations of:							
States and political subdivisions	\$	3,841	\$	448	\$	(7)	\$ 4,282
Residential mortgage-backed securities		36,945		189		(394)	36,740
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		7,682		9		(271)	7,420
Total held-to-maturity securities	\$	48,468	\$	646	\$	(672)	\$ 48,442

There were no gross gains or gross losses realized by Peoples from sales of held-to-maturity securities for the three or the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

The following table presents a summary of held-to-maturity investment securities that had an unrealized loss:

	Les	s th	an 12 Mo	nths		12	M	onths or M		T	i		
(Dollars in thousands)	Fair ⁄alue	Un	realized Loss	No. of Securitie	s	Fair Value	U	nrealized Loss	No. of Securities	_	Fair Value	Ur	realized Loss
September 30, 2015													
Obligations of:													
States and political subdivisions	\$ _	\$	_	-	_	\$ 320	\$	5	1	\$	320	\$	5
Residential mortgage-backed securities	3,304		36		1	10,320		262	2		13,624		298
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	588		8	_	_	6,209		49	1		6,797		57
Total	\$ 3,892	\$	44		1	\$ 16,849	\$	316	4	\$	20,741	\$	360
December 31, 2014													
Obligations of:													
States and political subdivisions	\$ _	\$	_	-	_	\$ 323	\$	7	1	\$	323	\$	7
Residential mortgage-backed securities	\$ _	\$	_	_	_	\$ 18,242	\$	394	5	\$	18,242	\$	394
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	_		_	-	_	6,356		271	1		6,356		271
Total	\$ _	\$	_	_		\$ 24,921	\$	672	7	\$	24,921	\$	672

The table below presents the amortized cost, fair value and total weighted-average yield of held-to-maturity securities by contractual maturity at September 30, 2015. The weighted-average yields are based on the amortized cost. In some cases, the issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations without call or prepayment penalties prior to the contractual maturity date. Rates are calculated on a fully tax-equivalent basis using a 35% federal income tax rate.

(Dollars in thousands)	Within 1 Year			1 to 5 Years		5 to 10 Years	(	Over 10 Years		Total
Amortized cost										
Obligations of:										
States and political subdivisions	\$	_	\$	325	\$	_	\$	3,508	\$	3,833
Residential mortgage-backed securities		_		_		492		35,220		35,712
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		_		_		_		6,854		6,854
Total held-to-maturity securities	\$	_	\$	325	\$	492	\$	45,582	\$	46,399
Fair value										
Obligations of:										
States and political subdivisions	\$	_	\$	320	\$	_	\$	3,938	\$	4,258
Residential mortgage-backed securities		_		_		499		35,581		36,080
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		_		_		_		6,797		6,797
Total held-to-maturity securities	\$	_	\$	320	\$	499	\$	46,316	\$	47,135
Total weighted-average yield			% 3.1		3.14%		Ď	2.69%	ó	2.69%

#### **Other Securities**

Peoples' other investment securities on the Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets consist largely of shares of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati (the "FHLB") and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (the "FRB").

# **Pledged Securities**

Peoples had pledged available-for-sale investment securities with carrying values of \$488.8 million and \$352.8 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and held-to-maturity investment securities with carrying values of \$21.8 million and \$22.9 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, to secure public and trust department deposits, and repurchase agreements in accordance with federal and state requirements. Peoples also pledged available-for-sale investment securities with carrying values of \$11.7 million and \$13.5 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and held-to-maturity securities with carrying values of \$23.6 million and \$24.5 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, to secure additional borrowing capacity at the FHLB and the FRB.

# Note 4. Loans

Peoples' loan portfolio consists of various types of loans originated primarily as a result of lending opportunities within Peoples' primary market areas of northeastern, central, southwestern and southeastern Ohio, west central West Virginia, and northeastern Kentucky. Acquired loans consist of loans purchased in 2012 or thereafter in a business combination. The major classifications of loan balances, excluding loans held for sale, were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Se	ptember 30, 2015	D	ecember 31, 2014
Originated loans:				
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	68,798	\$	37,901
Commercial real estate, other		429,120		434,660
Commercial real estate		497,918		472,561
Commercial and industrial		288,697		249,975
Residential real estate		282,863		254,169
Home equity lines of credit		71,620		62,463
Consumer		213,394		169,913
Deposit account overdrafts		1,317		2,933
Total originated loans	\$	1,355,809	\$	1,212,014
Acquired Loans:				
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	12,278	\$	1,051
Commercial real estate, other		281,510		121,475
Commercial real estate		293,788		122,526
Commercial and industrial		68,759		30,056
Residential real estate		288,269		225,274
Home equity lines of credit		34,147		18,232
Consumer		9,473		12,796
Deposit account overdrafts		_		_
Total acquired loans	\$	694,436	\$	408,884
Loans, net of deferred fees and costs	\$	2,050,245	\$	1,620,898

Peoples has acquired various loans through business combinations for which there was, at acquisition, evidence of deterioration of credit quality since origination, and for which it was probable that all contractually required payments would not be collected. The carrying amounts of these loans included in the loan balances above are summarized as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Sept	tember 30, 2015	De	ecember 31, 2014
Commercial real estate, other	\$	17,465	\$	7,762
Commercial and industrial		3,660		1,041
Residential real estate		28,302		15,183
Consumer		220		306
Total outstanding balance	\$	49,647	\$	24,292
Net carrying amount	\$	37,442	\$	19,067

Changes in the accretable yield for purchase credit impaired loans for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Accr	etable Yield
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$	3,172
Additions:		
Reclassification from nonaccretable to accretable		2,074
NB&T Financial Group, Inc.		3,611
Accretion		(1,322)
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$	7,535

Cash flows expected to be collected on purchase credit impaired loans are estimated semi-annually by incorporating several key assumptions similar to the initial estimate of fair value. These key assumptions include probability of default, and the amount of actual prepayments after the acquisition date. Prepayments affect the estimated life of the loans and could change the amount of interest income, and possibly principal expected to be collected. In reforecasting future estimated cash flows, credit loss expectations are adjusted as necessary.

Peoples pledges certain loans secured by 1-4 family and multifamily residential mortgages under a blanket collateral agreement to secure borrowings from the FHLB. The amount of such pledged loans totaled \$551.5 million and \$457.1 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. Peoples also pledges commercial loans to secure borrowings with the FRB. The outstanding balances of these loans totaled \$199.9 million and \$150.7 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

#### Nonaccrual and Past Due Loans

A loan is considered past due if any required principal and interest payments have not been received as of the date such payments were required to be made under the terms of the loan agreement. A loan may be placed on nonaccrual status regardless of whether or not such loan is considered past due.

The recorded investments in loans on nonaccrual status and loans delinquent for 90 days or more and accruing were as follows:

		Nonaccri	ual	Loans	L	oans 90+ Days Pas	Past Due and Accruing				
(Dollars in thousands)	Se	eptember 30, 2015	]	December 31, 2014		September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014				
Originated loans:											
Commercial real estate, construction	\$		\$		\$	_	\$ —				
Commercial real estate, other		2,190		2,575		_	_				
Commercial real estate		2,190		2,575			_				
Commercial and industrial		13,717		1,286		<del></del>	_				
Residential real estate		3,213		3,049		79	818				
Home equity lines of credit		330		341		_	20				
Consumer		72		19		19	2				
Total originated loans	\$	19,522	\$	7,270	\$	98	\$ 840				
Acquired loans:											
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	_	\$	96	\$	_	\$				
Commercial real estate, other		453		9		834	567				
Commercial real estate		453		105		834	567				
Commercial and industrial		294		708		1,674	301				
Residential real estate		828		304		1,144	1,083				
Home equity lines of credit		39		19		10	<u>—</u>				
Consumer		8		_		_	8				
Total acquired loans	\$	1,622	\$	1,136	\$	3,662	\$ 1,959				
Total loans	\$	21,144	\$	8,406	\$	3,760	\$ 2,799				

The following table presents the aging of the recorded investment in past due loans:

				Current	Total						
(Dollars in thousands)	30	- 59 days	60	- 89 days	9	90 + Days	Total	Loans		Loans	
<b>September 30, 2015</b>											
Originated loans:											
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ _	\$ 68,798	\$	68,798	
Commercial real estate, other		7,654		893		1,161	9,708	419,412		429,120	
Commercial real estate		7,654		893		1,161	9,708	488,210		497,918	
Commercial and industrial		1,702		116		13,680	15,498	273,199		288,697	
Residential real estate		1,997		1,599		1,289	4,885	277,978		282,863	
Home equity lines of credit		124		178		104	406	71,214		71,620	
Consumer		1,203		134		19	1,356	212,038		213,394	
Deposit account overdrafts		_		_		_	_	1,317		1,317	
Total originated loans	\$	12,680	\$	2,920	\$	16,253	\$ 31,853	\$ 1,323,956	\$	1,355,809	
Acquired loans:											
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	_	\$	_	\$	40	\$ 40	\$ 12,238	\$	12,278	
Commercial real estate, other		1,133		4,066		1,237	6,436	275,074		281,510	
Commercial real estate		1,133		4,066		1,277	6,476	287,312		293,788	
Commercial and industrial		671		_		1,942	2,613	66,146		68,759	
Residential real estate		1,368		1,652		1,684	4,704	283,565		288,269	
Home equity lines of credit		36		106		10	152	33,995		34,147	
Consumer		129		13		_	142	9,331		9,473	
Deposit account overdrafts		_		_		_	_	_		_	
Total acquired loans	\$	3,337	\$	5,837	\$	4,913	\$ 14,087	\$ 680,349	\$	694,436	
Total loans	\$	16,017	\$	8,757	\$	21,166	\$ 45,940	\$ 2,004,305	\$	2,050,245	
December 31, 2014											
Originated loans:											
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ _	\$ 37,901	\$	37,901	
Commercial real estate, other		565		285		1,220	2,070	432,590		434,660	
Commercial real estate		565		285		1,220	2,070	470,491		472,561	
Commercial and industrial		17		18		1,245	1,280	248,695		249,975	
Residential real estate		4,502		1,062		1,902	7,466	246,703		254,169	
Home equity lines of credit		344		425		129	898	61,565		62,463	
Consumer		1,136		157		2	1,295	168,618		169,913	
Deposit account overdrafts		65		_		_	65	2,868		2,933	
Total originated loans	\$	6,629	\$	1,947	\$	4,498	\$ 13,074	\$ 1,198,940	\$	1,212,014	
Acquired loans:											
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	_	\$	_	\$	96	\$ 96	\$ 955	\$	1,051	
Commercial real estate, other		1,067		143		567	1,777	119,698		121,475	
Commercial real estate		1,067		143		663	1,873	120,653		122,526	
Commercial and industrial		46		6		815	867	29,189		30,056	
Residential real estate		4,026		1,331		1,179	6,536	218,738		225,274	
Home equity lines of credit		9		19		_	28	18,204		18,232	
Consumer		245		27		8	280	12,516		12,796	
Deposit account overdrafts											
Total acquired loans	\$	5,393	\$	1,526	\$	2,665	\$ 9,584	\$ 399,300	\$	408,884	
Total loans	\$	12,022	\$	3,473	\$	7,163	\$ 22,658	\$ 1,598,240	\$	1,620,898	

### **Credit Quality Indicators**

As discussed in Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K, Peoples categorizes the majority of its loans into risk categories based upon an established risk grading matrix using a scale of 1 to 8. A description of the general characteristics of the risk grades used by Peoples is as follows:

- "Pass" (grades 1 through 4): Loans in this risk category involve borrowers of acceptable-to-strong credit quality and risk who have the apparent ability to satisfy their loan obligations. Loans in this risk grade would possess sufficient mitigating factors, such as adequate collateral or strong guarantors possessing the capacity to repay the loan if required, for any weakness that may exist.
- "Watch" (grade 5): Loans in this risk grade are the equivalent of the regulatory definition of "Other Assets Especially Mentioned" classification. Loans in this category possess some credit deficiency or potential weakness, which requires a high level of management attention. Potential weaknesses include declining trends in operating earnings and cash flows and/or reliance on the secondary source of repayment. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in noticeable deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loan or in Peoples' credit position.
- "Substandard" (grade 6): Loans in this risk grade are inadequately protected by the borrower's current financial condition and payment capability or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have one or more well-defined weaknesses that jeopardize the orderly repayment of the loan. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that Peoples will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.
- "Doubtful" (grade 7): Loans in this risk grade have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as substandard, with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or orderly repayment in full, on the basis of current existing facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable. Possibility of loss is extremely high, but because of certain important and reasonably specific factors that may work to the advantage and strengthening of the exposure, its classification as an estimate loss is deferred until its more exact status may be determined.
- "Loss" (grade 8): Loans in this risk grade are considered to be non-collectible and of such little value that their continuance as bankable assets is not warranted. This does not mean the loan has absolutely no recovery value, but rather it is neither practical nor desirable to defer writing off the loan, even though partial recovery may be obtained in the future. Charge-offs against the allowance for loan losses are taken in the period in which the loan becomes uncollectible. Consequently, Peoples typically does not maintain a recorded investment in loans within this category.

Consumer loans and other smaller-balance loans are evaluated and categorized as "substandard", "doubtful" or "loss" based upon the regulatory definition of these classes and consistent with regulatory requirements. All other loans not evaluated individually, nor meeting the regulatory conditions to be categorized as described above, would be considered as being "not rated".

The following table summarizes the risk category of Peoples' loan portfolio based upon the most recent analysis performed:

(Dollars in thousands)	ass Rated rades 1 - 4)	Watch Grade 5)	S	Substandard (Grade 6)	Doubtful (Grade 7)	Not Rated	Total Loans
September 30, 2015							
Originated loans:							
Commercial real estate, construction	\$ 66,061	\$ 1,473	\$	921	\$ —	\$ 343 \$	68,798
Commercial real estate, other	399,398	15,075		14,647			429,120
Commercial real estate	465,459	16,548		15,568	_	343	497,918
Commercial and industrial	262,103	9,754		16,840	_	_	288,697
Residential real estate	20,952	1,111		12,931	93	247,776	282,863
Home equity lines of credit	741	_		756	_	70,123	71,620
Consumer	39	_		4	_	213,351	213,394
Deposit account overdrafts	_	_		_	_	1,317	1,317
Total originated loans	\$ 749,294	\$ 27,413	\$	46,099	\$ 93	\$ 532,910 \$	1,355,809
Acquired loans:							
Commercial real estate, construction	\$ 12,278	\$ _	\$	<del>-</del>	\$ —	\$ — \$	12,278
Commercial real estate, other	251,063	12,959		17,409	79	_	281,510
Commercial real estate	263,341	12,959		17,409	79	_	293,788
Commercial and industrial	59,683	3,874		4,860	342	_	68,759
Residential real estate	19,639	1,423		1,122	_	266,085	288,269
Home equity lines of credit	317	_		_	_	33,830	34,147
Consumer	272	_		_	_	9,201	9,473
Deposit account overdrafts	_	_		_	_	_	_
Total acquired loans	\$ 343,252	\$ 18,256	\$	23,391	\$ 421	\$ 309,116 \$	694,436
Total loans	\$ 1,092,546	\$ 45,669	\$	69,490	\$ 514	\$ 842,026 \$	2,050,245
December 31, 2014							
Originated loans:							
Commercial real estate, construction	\$ 37,637	\$ _	\$	<del>-</del>	\$ —	\$ 264 \$	37,901
Commercial real estate, other	405,224	12,316		17,120	_	_	434,660
Commercial real estate	442,861	12,316		17,120	_	264	472,561
Commercial and industrial	239,168	8,122		2,684	1	_	249,975
Residential real estate	21,296	1,195		11,601	56	220,021	254,169
Home equity lines of credit	767	_		965	_	60,731	62,463
Consumer	60	1		8	_	169,844	169,913
Deposit account overdrafts	_	_		_	_	2,933	2,933
Total originated loans	\$ 704,152	\$ 21,634	\$	32,378	\$ 57	\$ 453,793 \$	1,212,014
Acquired loans:							
Commercial real estate, construction	\$ 955	\$ _	\$	_	\$ —	\$ 96 \$	1,051
Commercial real estate, other	106,115	7,100		8,260	_	_	121,475
Commercial real estate	107,070	7,100		8,260	_	96	122,526
Commercial and industrial	27,313	255		2,294	194	_	30,056
Residential real estate	13,458	833		1,540	_	209,443	225,274
Home equity lines of credit	98	_		_	_	18,134	18,232
Consumer	279	_		_	_	12,517	12,796
Deposit account overdrafts	_	_		_	_	_	_
Total acquired loans	\$ 148,218	\$ 8,188	\$	12,094	\$ 194	\$ 240,190 \$	408,884
Total loans	\$ 852,370	\$ 29,822	\$	44,472	\$ 251	\$ 693,983 \$	1,620,898

#### **Impaired Loans**

The following table summarizes loans classified as impaired:

	ī	J <b>npaid</b>	Recorded Investment			– Total					Average	Interest		
(Dollars in thousands)	Pr	incipal alance	A			Recorded Investment		Related llowance	F	Recorded	Income Recognized			
<b>September 30, 2015</b>														
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	44	\$		\$	44	\$	44	\$		\$	27	\$	2
Commercial real estate, other		15,846		134		14,921		15,055		7		6,777		604
Commercial real estate		15,890	\$	134	\$	14,965	\$	15,099	\$	7	\$	6,804	\$	606
Commercial and industrial		19,835		13,864		3,442		17,306		7,193		7,466		135
Residential real estate		33,572		49		32,647		32,696		4		10,504		921
Home equity lines of credit		880				876		876		_		342		29
Consumer		400		_		387		387		_		193		43
Total	\$	70,577	\$	14,047	\$	52,317	\$	66,364	\$	7,204	\$	25,309	\$	1,734
December 31, 2014														
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	9,914	\$	_	\$	9,909		9,909	\$	_	\$	2,020	\$	540
Commercial real estate, other		8,668		653		7,742		8,395		189		2,951		248
Commercial real estate		18,582	\$	653	\$	17,651	\$	18,304	\$	189	\$	4,971	\$	788
Commercial and industrial		3,747		1,945		1,767		3,712		816		766		73
Residential real estate		6,889		53		6,372		6,425		9		3,543		272
Home equity lines of credit		500		_		498		498		_		298		18
Consumer		391		_		386		386		_		156		24
Total	\$	30,109	\$	2,651	\$	26,674	\$	29,325	\$	1,014	\$	9,734	\$	1,175

At September 30, 2015, Peoples' impaired loans shown in the table above included loans that were classified as troubled debt restructurings ("TDRs").

In assessing whether or not a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties, Peoples considers information currently available regarding the financial condition of the borrower. This information includes, but is not limited to, whether (i) the borrower is currently in payment default on any of the borrower's debt; (ii) a payment default is probable in the foreseeable future without the modification; (iii) the borrower has declared or is in the process of declaring bankruptcy; and (iv) the borrower's projected cash flow is insufficient to satisfy contractual payments due under the original terms of the loan without a modification.

Peoples considers all aspects of the modification to loan terms to determine whether or not a concession has been granted to the borrower. Key factors considered by Peoples include the borrower's ability to access funds at a market rate for debt with similar risk characteristics, the significance of the modification relative to the unpaid principal balance or collateral value of the debt, and the significance of a delay in the timing of payments relative to the original contractual terms of the loan. The most common concessions granted by Peoples generally include one or more modifications to the terms of the debt, such as (i) a reduction in the interest rate for the remaining life of the debt, (ii) an extension of the maturity date at an interest rate lower than the current market rate for new debt with similar risk, (iii) a temporary period of interest-only payments, and (iv) a reduction in the contractual payment amount for either a short period or the remaining term of the loan.

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The following table summarizes the loans that were modified as a TDR during the three and nine months ended September 30.

		Three Months Ended										
		Recorded Investment (1)										
(Dollars in thousands)	Number of Contracts	Pre- Modification			Post- Modification		Remaining Recorded Investment					
September 30, 2015												
Originated loans:												
Commercial real estate, construction	2	\$	128	\$	128	\$	128					
Commercial and industrial	4	\$	13,670	\$	13,670	\$	13,658					
Residential real estate	2		73		73		73					
Home equity lines of credit	2		78		78		77					
Consumer	2		31		31		31					
Total originated loans	12	\$	13,980	\$	13,980	\$	13,967					
Acquired loans:												
Commercial real estate, other	1		24		24		24					
Home equity lines of credit	1		8		8		8					
Residential real estate	1		34		33		33					
Total acquired loans	3	\$	66	\$	65	\$	65					
<b>September 30, 2014</b>												
Originated loans:												
Commercial and industrial	1	\$	2	\$	2	\$	2					
Residential real estate	25		1,344		1,344		1,343					
Home equity lines of credit	8		152		152		152					
Consumer	11	_	86		86	_	86					
Total originated loans	45	\$	1,584	\$	1,584	\$	1,583					

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts shown are inclusive of all partial paydowns and charge-offs. Loans modified in a TDR that were fully paid down, charged-off or foreclosed upon by period end are not reported.

		Nine Months Ended								
			Recorded Investment (1)							
(Dollars in thousands)	Number of Contracts		Pre- Modification		Post- Modification		Remaining Recorded Investment			
September 30, 2015										
Originated loans:										
Commercial real estate, construction	2	\$	128	\$	128	\$	128			
Commercial and industrial	4	\$	13,670	\$	13,670	\$	13,658			
Residential real estate	4		257		256		167			
Home equity lines of credit	11		387		387		378			
Consumer	4		45		42		41			
Total originated loans	25	\$	14,487	\$	14,483	\$	14,372			
Acquired loans:										
Commercial real estate, other	1		24		24		24			
Home equity lines of credit	1		8		8		8			
Residential real estate	1		34		33		33			
Total acquired loans	3	\$	66	\$	65	\$	65			
September 30, 2014										
Originated loans:										
Commercial real estate, construction	1	\$	96	\$	96	\$	96			
Commercial and industrial	1	\$	2	\$	2	\$	2			
Residential real estate	43		2,290		2,290		2,264			
Home equity lines of credit	12		238		238		236			
Consumer	23		159		159		151			
Total originated loans	80	\$	2,785	\$	2,785	\$	2,749			

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts shown are inclusive of all partial paydowns and charge-offs. Loans modified in a TDR that were fully paid down, charged-off or foreclosed upon by period end are not reported.

The following table presents those loans for the nine months ended September 30 that were modified as a TDR during the last twelve months that subsequently defaulted (i.e., 90 days or more past due following a modification).

	S	September 30, 2	015	<b>September 30, 2014</b>							
(Dollars in thousands)	Number of Contracts	Recorded Investment (1)	Impact on the Allowance for Loan Losses	Number of Contracts	Recorded Investment (1)	Impact on the Allowance for Loan Losses					
Acquired loans:											
Commercial and industrial	2	\$ 196			\$ —	\$ —					
Residential real estate		_	_	1	40	_					
Home equity lines of credit	_	_		1	17	_					
Total	2	<b>\$</b> 196	<b>s</b> —	2	\$ 57	<u> </u>					

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts shown are inclusive of all partial paydowns and charge-offs. Loans modified in a TDR that were fully paid down, charged-off or foreclosed upon by period end are not reported.

Peoples did not have any originated loans that were modified as a TDR during the last twelve months that subsequently defaulted. Peoples had no additional commitments to lend additional funds to the related debtors whose terms have been modified in a TDR.

# **Allowance for Originated Loan Losses**

Changes in the allowance for originated loan losses for the nine months ended September 30, were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	nmercial al Estate	1	mercial and ustrial		Residential Real Estate	I	Home Equity Lines of Credit	C	onsumer	Dep Acco Overd	unt	,	Total
Balance, January 1, 2015	\$ 9,825	\$	4,036	\$	1,627	\$	694	\$	1,587	\$	112	\$	17,881
Charge-offs	(182)		(426)	)	(536)		(116)		(868)	)	(566)		(2,694)
Recoveries	160		93		208		107		583		134		1,285
Net charge-offs	(22)		(333)	)	(328)		(9)		(285)	)	(432)		(1,409)
(Recovery of) provision for loan losses	(2,297)		7,783		(117)		92		518		474		6,453
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ 7,506	\$	11,486	\$	1,182	\$	777	\$	1,820	\$	154	\$	22,925
Period-end amount allocated to:													
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 7	\$	7,193	\$	4	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	7,204
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	7,499		4,293		1,178		777		1,820		154		15,721
Ending balance	\$ 7,506	\$	11,486	\$	1,182	\$	777	\$	1,820	\$	154	\$	22,925
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 13,215	\$	2,174	\$	881	\$	343	\$	316	\$	136	\$	17,065
Charge-offs	(126)		(49)	)	(377)		(51)		(841)		(351)		(1,795)
Recoveries	1,113		68		169		20		573		132		2,075
Net recoveries (charge-offs)	987		19		(208)		(31)		(268)	)	(219)		280
(Recovery of) provision for loan losses	(3,656)		1,035		1,092		346		1,183		211		211
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$ 10,546	\$	3,228	\$	1,765	\$	658	\$	1,231	\$	128	\$	17,556
Period-end amount allocated to:													
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 252	\$	193	\$	24	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	469
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	10,294		3,035		1,741		658		1,231		128		17,087
Ending balance	\$ 10,546	\$	3,228	\$	1,765	\$	658	\$	1,231	\$	128	\$	17,556

The reduction in the allowance for originated loan losses allocated to commercial real estate, and the related recovery of originated loan losses recorded during 2015 compared to 2014 was driven by net recoveries in recent years reducing the historical loss rates. The increase in provision for originated commercial and industrial loans during 2015 was primarily related to a specific allowance for one relationship. The changes in the residential real estate, home equity lines of credit and consumer categories of the allowance for originated loan losses and the related provision for originated loan losses recorded during 2015 were driven by net charge-off activity and increases in the size of the respective loan portfolios.

# **Allowance for Acquired Loan Losses**

Acquired loans are recorded at their fair value as of the acquisition date with no valuation allowance, and monitored for changes in credit quality and subsequent increases or decreases in expected cash flows. Decreases in expected cash flows of acquired credit impaired loans are recognized as an impairment, with the amount of the expected loss included in management's evaluation of the appropriateness of the allowance for loan losses. The methods utilized to estimate the required allowance for loan losses for nonimpaired acquired loans are similar to those utilized for originated loans; however, Peoples records a provision for loan losses only when the computed allowance exceeds the remaining fair value adjustment. As of September 30, 2015, the expected cash flows for both nonimpaired acquired loans and acquired credit impaired loans had decreased from those as of the respective acquisition dates, resulting in Peoples recording provision for loan losses with respect to those acquired loans.

The following table presents activity in the allowance for loan losses for acquired loans for the nine months ended September 30:

		Three Months E	Ended	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>				
(Dollars in thousands)		2015	2014	20	15	2014		
Nonimpaired loans:								
Balance, January 1	\$	— \$	<del></del>	\$	— \$	-	_	
Charge-offs		<del></del>	<del></del>		_	-	_	
Recoveries		<del></del>	<del></del>		<del></del>	-	_	
Net recoveries (charge-offs)					_	-	_	
Provision for loan losses		103	_		103	-	_	
Balance, September 30	\$	103 \$		\$	103 \$	-	<u> </u>	
Purchase credit impaired loans	:							
Balance, January 1	\$	— \$	_	\$	— \$	-	_	
Charge-offs		_	_		_	-	_	
Recoveries		<del></del>	<del></del>		_	-	_	
Net recoveries (charge-offs)					_	-	_	
Provision for loan losses		303	<del>_</del>		303	-		
Balance, September 30	\$	303 \$	<del></del>	\$	303 \$	-	_	

#### **Note 5.** Long-Term Borrowings

The following table summarizes Peoples' long-term borrowings:

		September	30, 2015	<b>December 31, 2014</b>			
(Dollars in thousands)	]	Balance	Weighted- Average Rate	Balance	Weighted- Average Rate		
FHLB putable, non-amortizing, fixed rate advances		50,000	3.32 %	83,995	3.30 %		
FHLB amortizing, fixed rate advances		19,715	2.61 %	40,719	2.13 %		
Callable national market repurchase agreements		40,000	3.63 %	40,000	3.63 %		
Subordinated debt		6,685	1.76%	_	%		
Term note payable (parent company)	\$	_	<b></b> % \$	14,369	3.50 %		
Total long-term borrowings	\$	116,400	3.22% \$	179,083	3.12%		

On December 18, 2012, Peoples entered into a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") with an unaffiliated financial institution which provided Peoples with an unsecured revolving credit loan with an original maximum principal amount of \$5 million and an unsecured term loan in the principal amount of \$24 million. The original maturity date for the revolving credit loan was December 17, 2013, which was subsequently extended to December 16, 2014 and then to December 16, 2015. As of September 30, 2015, Peoples had not borrowed any funds under the revolving credit loan and, as disclosed below, the term loan had been paid in full. On August 4, 2014, the Loan Agreement was amended (as amended, the "Amended Loan Agreement"). Under the Amended Loan Agreement, the maximum principal amount of the revolving credit loan was increased from \$5 million to \$10 million. In addition, the interest rate on the term loan was reduced from 3.80% to 3.50%, and certain covenants related to the operations of Peoples' business were modified. Peoples was required to make quarterly principal and interest payments with respect to the term loan until the earlier of either full prepayment by Peoples or the stated maturity date. This term loan could be prepaid at any time prior to maturity without penalties, so long as no default had occurred. Concurrently with the Loan Agreement, Peoples also entered into a Negative Pledge Agreement that precludes Peoples from selling, transferring, assigning, mortgaging, encumbering, pledging, or entering into a negative pledge agreement with respect to or otherwise disposing of any interest in the capital stock or other ownership interests owned by Peoples in its subsidiaries without prior written approval. Peoples is subject to certain covenants under the Amended Loan Agreement, which include restrictions on ownership interests of its subsidiaries; cash and cash equivalents; transfers of criticized, classified or nonperforming assets; additional indebtedness; certain material transactions; and other financial covenants which include:

- Peoples and Peoples Bank, National Association ("Peoples Bank") being required to maintain, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter, sufficient capital to qualify as "well capitalized" under applicable regulatory guidance;
- Peoples Bank being required to maintain a "Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio" (as defined in the Amended Loan Agreement) equal to or in excess of 12.50%, measured as of the last day of each fiscal quarter;
- Peoples Bank being required to maintain a ratio of "Nonperforming Assets" to the sum of "Tangible Capital" plus the "Allowance for Loan Losses" (as each term was defined in the Amended Loan Agreement) of not more than 20%, measured as of the last day of each fiscal quarter;
- Peoples being required to maintain a "Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio" (as defined in the Amended Loan Agreement) that equaled or exceeded 1.25 to 1.00, commencing with the quarter ended December 31, 2012 and for each quarter thereafter, with the items used in the ratio determined on a trailing 12-month basis;
- issuance of dividends by Peoples Bank not exceeding the amount permitted by law without requiring regulatory approval;
- minimum liquidity position (cash and cash equivalents available) of \$2 million at Peoples on an unconsolidated basis, tested quarterly; and
- Peoples Bank being required to maintain a ratio of "Allowance for Loan Losses" to "Nonperforming Loans" (as each term was defined in the Amended Loan Agreement) of not less than 70% measured as of the last day of each fiscal quarter.

On July 24, 2015, Peoples repaid the term loan balance of \$12.0 million and there were no early termination fees associated with the repayment.

Peoples' callable national market repurchase agreements consist of agreements with unrelated financial service companies and have original maturities ranging from five to ten years. In general, these agreements may not be terminated by Peoples prior to maturity without incurring additional costs. The callable agreements contain call option features, in which the buyer has the right, at its discretion, to terminate the repurchase agreement after an initial period ranging from three months to five years. After the initial call period, the buyer has a one-time option to terminate the agreement. If the buyer exercises its option, Peoples would be required to repay the agreement in whole at the quarterly date. Peoples is required to make quarterly interest payments.

The putable, non-amortizing, fixed rate FHLB advances have original maturities ranging from ten to twenty years that may be repaid prior to maturity, subject to termination fees. The FHLB has the option, solely at its discretion, to terminate the advance after the initial fixed rate periods ranging from three months to five years, requiring full repayment of the advance by Peoples, prior to the stated maturity. If the advance is terminated prior to maturity, the FHLB will offer Peoples replacement funding at the then-prevailing rate on an advance product then offered by the FHLB, subject to normal FHLB credit and collateral requirements. These advances require monthly interest payments, with no repayment of principal until the earlier of either an option exercise by the FHLB or the stated maturity. The amortizing, fixed rate FHLB advances have a fixed rate for the term of the loan, with maturities ranging from ten to twenty years. These advances require monthly principal and interest payments, with some having a constant prepayment rate requiring an additional principal payment annually. These advances are not eligible for optional prepayment prior to maturity. During the first quarter of 2015, Peoples repaid several FHLB advances including putable, non-amortizing, fixed rate advances and amortizing, fixed-rate advances, totaling approximately \$52.1 million that resulted in early termination fees of \$520,000, and had a weighted-average cost of 1.49%.

On March 6, 2015, Peoples completed its acquisition of NB&T Financial Group, Inc. ("NB&T"), which included the assumption of Fixed/Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Debt Securities due 2037 (the "junior subordinated debt securities") at an acquisition-date fair value of \$6.6 million held in a wholly-owned statutory trust whose common securities were wholly-owned by NB&T. The sole assets of the statutory trust are the junior subordinated debt securities and related payments. The junior subordinated debt securities and the back-up obligations, in the aggregate, constitute a full and unconditional guarantee of the obligations of the statutory trust under the Capital Securities held by third-party investors. Distributions on the Capital Securities are payable at the annual rate of 1.50% over the 3-month LIBOR. Distributions on the Capital Securities are included in interest expense in the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements. These securities are considered Tier I capital (with certain limitations applicable) under current regulatory guidelines. The junior subordinated debt securities are subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, upon repayment of the Capital Securities at maturity or their earlier redemption at the liquidation amount. Subject to prior approval of the Federal Reserve, the Capital Securities are redeemable prior to the maturity date of September 6, 2037, and are redeemable at par. Since September 6, 2012, the Capital Securities have been redeemable at par. Distributions on the Capital Securities can be deferred from time to time for a period not to exceed 20 consecutive semi-annual periods.

The aggregate minimum annual retirements of long-term borrowings in future periods are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Balance	Weighted- Average Rate
Three Months Ending December 31, 2015	\$ 2,731	2.16%
Year Ending December 31, 2016	2,945	2.38 %
Year Ending December 31, 2017	2,330	2.46 %
Year Ending December 31, 2018	82,390	3.47 %
Year Ending December 31, 2019	1,426	2.61 %
Thereafter	24,578	2.69 %
Total long-term borrowings	\$ 116,400	3.22%

#### Note 6. Stockholders' Equity

The following table details the progression in Peoples' common shares and treasury stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Common Stock	Treasury Stock
Shares at December 31, 2014	15,599,643	590,246
Changes related to stock-based compensation awards:		
Grant of restricted common shares	118,011	_
Release of restricted common shares	_	22,170
Cancellation of restricted common shares	(9,006)	
Exercise of stock options for common shares		<u> </u>
Grant of common shares	2,810	(100)
Changes related to deferred compensation plan for Boards of Directors:		
Purchase of treasury stock	_	5,011
Reissuance of treasury stock	_	(9,642)
Common shares issued under dividend reinvestment plan	13,342	_
Common shares issued under compensation plan for Board of Directors	_	(6,940)
Common shares issued under employee stock purchase plan	_	(11,349)
Issuance of common shares related to the acquisition of		
NB&T Financial Group, Inc.	3,207,698	
Shares at September 30, 2015	18,932,498	589,396

On March 6, 2015, Peoples completed its acquisition of NB&T, and issued 3,207,698 common shares reflecting \$76.0 million of consideration, with the remainder paid in cash. Additional information regarding the NB&T acquisition can be found in Note 10 - Acquisitions.

Under its Amended Articles of Incorporation, Peoples is authorized to issue up to 50,000 preferred shares, in one or more series, having such voting powers, designations, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions as determined by Peoples' Board of Directors. At September 30, 2015, Peoples had no preferred shares issued or outstanding.

### **Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The following table details the change in the components of Peoples' accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

(Dollars in thousands)	 alized Gain Securities	Unrecognized Net Pension and Postretirement Costs	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 2,542	\$ (3,843	(1,301)
Reclassification adjustments to net income:			
Realized gain on sale of securities, net of tax	(437)	<del>-</del>	(437)
Realized loss due to settlement and curtailment, net of tax	_	295	295
Other comprehensive income, net of reclassifications and tax	6,149	279	6,428
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ 8,254	\$ (3,269	) \$ 4,985

#### Note 7. Employee Benefit Plans

Peoples sponsors a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees hired before January 1, 2010. The plan provides retirement benefits based on an employee's years of service and compensation. For employees hired before January 1, 2003, the amount of postretirement benefit is based on the employee's average monthly compensation pay over the highest five consecutive years out of the employee's last ten years with Peoples while an eligible employee. For employees hired on or after January 1, 2003, the amount of postretirement benefit is based on 2% of the employee's annual compensation plus accrued interest. Effective January 1, 2010, the pension plan was closed to new entrants. Effective March 1, 2011, the accrual of pension plan benefits for all participants was frozen. Peoples recognized this freeze as a curtailment as of December 31, 2010 and March 1, 2011, under the terms of the pension plan. Peoples also provides post-retirement health and life insurance benefits to former employees and directors. Only those individuals who retired before January 27, 2012 were eligible for life insurance benefits. As of January 1, 2011, all retirees who desire to participate in the Peoples Bank medical plan do so by electing COBRA, which provides up to 18 months of coverage; retirees over the age of 65 also have the option to participate in a group Medicare supplemental plan. Peoples' policy is to fund the cost of the health benefits as they arise.

The following tables detail the components of the net periodic cost for the plans:

	Pension Benefits									
	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended					
	September 30,				September 30,					
(Dollars in thousands)		2015	2014		2015	2014				
Interest cost	\$	111 \$	121	\$	335 \$	395				
Expected return on plan assets		(122)	(139)		(373)	(458)				
Amortization of net loss		28	34		92	103				
Settlement of benefit obligation		82	361		454	1,383				
Net periodic cost	\$	99 \$	377	\$	508 \$	1,423				

	Postretirement Benefits									
	Th	ree Months En September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30,						
(Dollars in thousands)	20	)15 20	014	2015	2014					
Interest cost	\$	2 \$	1 :	\$	4 \$ 4					
Amortization of net loss		(2)	(2)	(	4) (6)					
Net periodic benefit	\$	<b>— \$</b>	(1)	<b>\$</b> –	- \$ (2)					

Under US GAAP, Peoples is required to recognize a settlement gain or loss when the aggregate amount of lump-sum distributions to participants equals or exceeds the sum of the service and interest cost components of the net periodic pension cost. The amount of settlement gain or loss recognized is the pro rata amount of the unrealized gain or loss existing immediately prior to the settlement. In general, both the projected benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets are required to be remeasured in order to determine the settlement gain or loss.

In the first three months of 2015, year-to-date lump sum distributions made to participants exceeded the recognition threshold for settlement gains or losses. As a result, Peoples remeasured its pension obligation and plan assets as of January 1, 2015 as part of the calculation of the settlement loss of \$269,000 that was recognized in the first quarter of 2015. The pension obligation and plan assets were remeasured again as of April 1, 2015 as part of the calculation of the settlement loss of \$103,000 recognized in connection with lump sum distributions made during the second quarter of 2015. The pension obligation and plan assets were remeasured again at July 1, 2015 as part of the calculation of the settlement loss of \$82,000 recognized in connection with lump sum distributions made during the third quarter of 2015.

The following table summarizes the change in pension obligation and funded status as a result of the remeasurement and the aggregate settlement for the three months ended September 30, 2015:

		As of	<b>September 30, 2015</b>						
(Dollars in thousands)	De	December 31,		Before		Impact of	After		
Funded status:		2014		Settlement		Settlements	Settlements		
Projected benefit obligation	\$	13,695	\$	12,114	\$	(190)	\$	11,924	
Fair value of plan assets		8,259		7,056		(190)		6,866	
Funded status	\$	(5,436)	\$	(5,058)	\$	_	\$	(5,058)	
Gross unrealized loss (gain)	\$	5,979	\$	5,175	\$	(82)	\$	5,093	
Assumptions:									
Discount rate		3.50%	, )	3.90%	ò			3.90%	
Expected return on plan assets		7.50%	, )	7.50%	ò			7.50%	

Note 8. Earnings Per Common Share

The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per common share were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Mont Septem					
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)		2015		2014		2015		2014
Distributed earnings allocated to common shareholders	\$	2,727	\$	1,649	\$	7,696	\$	4,862
Undistributed earnings allocated to common shareholders		1,375		2,498		574		7,486
Net earnings allocated to common shareholders	\$	4,102	\$	4,147	\$	8,270	\$	12,348
Weighted-average common shares outstanding	1	8,127,131	1	2,632,341	1	7,357,034	1	1,348,625
Effect of potentially dilutive common shares		144,848		133,539		130,608		115,395
Total weighted-average diluted common shares outstanding	1	8,271,979	1	2,765,880	1	7,487,642	1	1,464,020
Earnings per common share:								
Basic	\$	0.23	\$	0.33	\$	0.48	\$	1.09
Diluted	\$	0.22	\$	0.32	\$	0.47	\$	1.08
Anti-dilutive shares excluded from calculation:								
Stock options and SARs		42,832		51,727		47,831		55,604

### Note 9. Stock-Based Compensation

Under the Peoples Bancorp Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Equity Plan (the "2006 Equity Plan"), Peoples may grant, among other awards, nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, restricted stock awards, stock appreciation rights and unrestricted share awards to employees and non-employee directors. The total number of common shares available under the 2006 Equity Plan is 1,081,260. The maximum number of common shares that can be issued for incentive stock options is 800,000 common shares. Prior to 2007, Peoples granted nonqualified and incentive stock options to employees and nonqualified stock options to non-employee directors under the 2006 Equity Plan and predecessor plans. Since February 2007, Peoples has granted a combination of restricted common shares and stock appreciation rights ("SARs") to be settled in common shares to employees and restricted common shares to non-employee directors subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by the 2006 Equity Plan. In general, common shares issued in connection with stock-

based awards are issued from treasury shares to the extent available. If no treasury shares are available, common shares are issued from authorized but unissued common shares.

# **Stock Options**

Under the provisions of the 2006 Equity Plan and predecessor stock option plans, the exercise price per share of any stock option granted may not be less than the grant date fair market value of the underlying common shares. All stock options granted to both employees and non-employee directors expire ten years from the date of grant. The most recent stock option grants to employees and non-employee directors occurred in 2006. The stock options granted to employees vested three years after the grant date, while the stock options granted to non-employee directors vested six months after the grant date. The following table summarizes the changes to Peoples' stock options for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Number of Common Shares Subject to Options	Av	Weighted- erage Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1	38,577	\$	28.09		
Expired	17,000		27.19		
Outstanding at September 30	21,577	\$	28.80	0.5	<u> </u>
Exercisable at September 30	21,577	\$	28.80	0.5	<b>\$</b>

The following table summarizes Peoples' stock options outstanding at September 30, 2015:

			<b>Options Outstanding &amp; Exercisable</b>							
Range of Exercise Prices			Common Shares Subject to Options Outstanding & Exercisable	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted- Average Exercise Price					
S	\$28.25		11,577	0.3 years	28.25					
\$28.56	to	\$30.00	10,000	0.7 years	29.43					
Total			21,577	0.5 years	\$ 28.80					

### **Stock Appreciation Rights**

SARs granted to employees have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of Peoples' common shares on the date of grant and will be settled using common shares of Peoples. Additionally, the SARs granted to employees vested three years after the grant date and are to expire ten years from the date of grant. The most recent grant of SARs occurred in 2008. The following table summarizes the changes to Peoples' SARs for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Number of Common Shares Subject to SARs	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1	21,292	\$ 25.96		
Outstanding at September 30	19,422	\$ 25.93	1.6	\$ _
<b>Exercisable at September 30</b>	19,422	\$ 25.93	1.6	\$ _

The following table summarizes Peoples' SARs outstanding at September 30, 2015:

Exercise Price	Number of Common Shares Subject to SARs Outstanding & Exercisable	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life
\$23.26	2,000	1.8
\$23.77	9,582	2.0
\$29.25	7,840	1.1
Total	19,422	1.6

#### **Restricted Common Shares**

Under the 2006 Equity Plan, Peoples may award restricted common shares to officers, key employees and non-employee directors. In general, the restrictions on restricted common shares awarded to non-employee directors expire after six months, while the restrictions on restricted common shares awarded to employees expire after periods ranging from one to three years. In the first quarter of 2015, Peoples granted an aggregate of 107,961 restricted common shares subject to performance-based vesting to officers and key employees with restrictions that will lapse three years after the grant date provided that in order for the restricted common shares to vest in full, Peoples must have reported positive net income and maintained a well capitalized status by regulatory standards for each of the three fiscal years preceding the vesting date. During the second quarter of 2015, Peoples granted an aggregate of 5,600 restricted common shares to non-employee directors with a six-month time-based vesting period. In the third quarter of 2015, Peoples granted to certain key employees an aggregate of 4,000 restricted common shares with a three-year time-based vesting period and 450 restricted common shares subject to performance-based vesting with restrictions that will lapse three years after the grant date provided that in order for the restricted common shares to vest in full, Peoples must have reported positive net income and maintained a well capitalized status by regulatory standards for each of the three fiscal years preceding the vesting date. The following table summarizes the changes to Peoples' restricted common shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Time-Bas	ed Vesting	Performance-Based Vesting				
	Number of Common Shares	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Number of Common Shares	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value			
Outstanding at January 1	47,591	\$ 19.48	125,079	\$ 21.73			
Awarded	9,600	22.41	108,411	23.62			
Released	24,045	15.78	49,058	21.74			
Forfeited	500	15.64	8,506	22.49			
Outstanding at September 30	32,646	\$ 23.12	175,926	\$ 22.86			

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the total intrinsic value of restricted common shares released was \$1.7 million.

#### **Stock-Based Compensation**

Peoples recognized stock-based compensation expense, which is included as a component of Peoples' salaries and employee benefit costs, based on the estimated fair value of the awards on the grant date. The following table summarizes the amount of stock-based compensation expense and related tax benefit recognized:

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended					
	September 30,				September 30,				
(Dollars in thousands)		2015	2014		2015		2014		
Total stock-based compensation	\$	405 \$	428	\$	1,432	\$	1,382		
Recognized tax benefit		(142)	(150)		(501)		(484)		
Net expense recognized	\$	263 \$	278	\$	931	\$	898		

Total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to unvested awards was \$2.2 million at September 30, 2015, which will be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.0 years.

#### Note 10. Acquisitions

During 2015, Peoples has completed two acquisitions, which have been accounted for as business combinations under the acquisition method of accounting under US GAAP. The assets purchased, liabilities assumed and related identifiable intangible assets were recorded at their acquisition date fair values, and are detailed in the table below. The goodwill recognized will not be deductible for income tax purposes. The balances and operations related to these acquisitions have been included in Peoples' Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements from the date of acquisition.

On July 21, 2015, Peoples Insurance Agency, LLC ("Peoples Insurance") acquired an insurance agency and related customer accounts in the Lebanon, Ohio area for total cash consideration of \$0.9 million, and recorded \$0.5 million of customer relationship intangibles and \$0.4 million of goodwill.

On March 6, 2015, Peoples completed its acquisition of NB&T for total consideration of \$102.7 million which reflected the conversion of each of the 3,442,329 outstanding NB&T common shares into \$7.75 in cash and 0.9319 in Peoples' common shares. NB&T merged into Peoples and NB&T's wholly-owned subsidiary, The National Bank and Trust Company, which operated 22 full-service branches in southwest Ohio, merged into Peoples Bank. Per the applicable accounting guidance for business combinations, the acquisition date fair values of the assets purchased, liabilities assumed and related identifiable intangible assets are preliminary and subject to refinement for up to one year after the closing date of the acquisition as additional information relative to closing date fair values becomes available.

The following table is a summary of the preliminary purchase price calculation for NB&T, including the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at their estimated fair values and the resulting goodwill recognized.

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	NB&T
Purchase price	
Common shares outstanding of acquired company at acquisition date	3,442,329
Cash purchase price per share	\$ 7.75
Cash consideration	26,678
Number of common shares of Peoples issued for each common share of acquired company	0.9319
Price per Peoples common share, based on closing stock price on acquisition date	\$ 23.70
Common share consideration	76,027
Cash in lieu of fractional common shares of Peoples	4
Total purchase price	\$ 102,709
Net assets at fair value	
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 124,825
Investment securities	156,392
Loans, including loans held for sale, net of deferred fees and costs	384,588
Bank premises and equipment, net	10,702
Other intangible assets	10,130
Other assets	23,889
Total assets	710,526
Liabilities	
Deposits	629,512
Borrowings	6,570
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	5,941
Total liabilities	642,023
Net assets	\$ 68,503
Goodwill	\$ 34,206

The estimated fair values presented in the above table reflect additional information that was obtained during the three months ended September 30, 2015, which resulted in changes to certain fair value estimates made as of the date of acquisition. Material adjustments to acquisition date estimated fair values are recorded in the period in which the acquisition occurred and, as a result, previously recorded results have changed. After considering the additional information, obtained during the three months ended September 30, 2015, the estimated fair value of loans decreased \$0.3 million, other assets decreased \$0.3 million, and accrued expenses and other liabilities increased \$0.1 million from June 30, 2015. These revised fair value estimates resulted in a net increase to goodwill of \$0.5 million from the amount reported as of June 30, 2015, to \$34.2 million, which was recognized in the September 30, 2015 Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheet. The decrease in fair value of loans was considered immaterial to the income previously stated.

Acquired loans are reported net of the unamortized fair value adjustment. The following table details the preliminary fair value adjustment for acquired loans as of the acquisition date:

(Dollars in thousands)	NB&T		
Nonimpaired loans:	·		
Contractual cash flows	\$	497,451	
Nonaccretable difference		45,828	
Expected cash flows	,	451,623	
Accretable yield		90,346	
Fair value	\$	361,277	
Purchase credit impaired loans:			
Contractual cash flows	\$	40,258	
Nonaccretable difference		13,336	
Expected cash flows		26,922	
Accretable yield		3,611	
Fair value	\$	23,311	

The following table illustrates the unaudited pro forma information for the results of operations for periods ended September 30, as if the acquisition of NB&T had occurred on January 1 of each year. This information includes the impact of certain purchase accounting adjustments, including the amortization/accretion related to loans, other intangible assets, deposits and borrowings. This information is presented for illustrative purposes only, and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations had the acquisition been completed at the beginning of the earliest periods presented, and is not necessarily indicative of future results of operations.

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30			Ionths
						30
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014		2015		2014
Total revenue (net interest income and non-interest income) \$	37,442	\$ 35,888	\$	111,924	\$	102,827
Net income available to common shareholders	4,134	5,384		9,641		16,240

Peoples' total revenue for the third quarter of 2015 and through the nine months ended September 30, 2015, included \$7.4 million and \$16.4 million, respectively, provided by NB&T. Also, Peoples' net income available to common shareholders for the third quarter of 2015 and through the nine months ended September 30, 2015, included \$2.1 million and \$4.1 million, respectively, provided by NB&T.

Peoples recorded non-interest expenses related to acquisitions, mainly the NB&T acquisition, of \$9.9 million and net losses on asset disposals related to the NB&T acquisition of \$0.6 million in the Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The \$9.9 million was included in the following line items on the Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015: salaries and employee benefit costs contained \$4.4 million, professional fees contained \$1.7 million, and other non-interest expenses contained \$3.8 million.

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The following table is a preliminary summary of the changes in goodwill and intangible assets during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2015:

(Dollars in thousands)	•	Goodwill	Gross Core Deposits	_	oss Customer telationships
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$	98,562	\$ 7,013	\$	8,858
Acquired intangible assets		34,639	8,623		1,695
Accumulated amortization	\$	_	\$ (3,497)	\$	(6,960)
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$	133,201	\$ 12,139	\$	3,593

The following is an analysis of activity of servicing rights for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2015:

(Dollars in thousands)	2015		
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$	2,238	
Amortization		(499)	
Servicing rights originated		422	
Servicing rights acquired		245	
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$	2,406	

# ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

# SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following data should be read in conjunction with the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and the Management's Discussion and Analysis that follows:

	At or For the Three Months Ended				At or For the Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,				Septen	30,		
		2015		2014		2015		2014
SIGNIFICANT RATIOS								
Return on average stockholders' equity		3.89%	)	5.84 %		2.78%	)	6.68 %
Return on average assets		0.51%	)	0.73 %		0.36%	)	0.78 %
Net interest margin		3.55%	, )	3.45 %		3.49%	)	3.40 %
Efficiency ratio (a)		65.81%	, )	77.82 %		78.18%	)	74.92 %
Pre-provision net revenue to average assets (b)		1.40%	, )	0.96 %		0.84%	)	1.14 %
Average stockholders' equity to average assets		13.12%	)	12.47 %		13.10%	)	11.64 %
Average loans to average deposits		79.70%	, )	79.82 %		79.64%	)	78.58 %
Dividend payout ratio		66.74%	)	40.06 %		93.19%	)	39.65 %
ASSET QUALITY RATIOS								
Nonperforming loans as a percent of total loans (c)(d)		1.21%	)	0.61 %		1.21%	)	0.61 %
Nonperforming assets as a percent of total assets (c)(d)		0.82%	, )	0.42 %		0.82%	)	0.42 %
Nonperforming assets as a percent of total loans and other real estate owned $(c)(d)$		1.29%	, )	0.68 %		1.29%		0.68 %
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of originated loans, net of deferred fees and costs (d)		1.72%	, )	1.47 %		1.72%		1.47 %
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of nonperforming loans (c)(d)		93.68%	)	192.71 %		93.68%	)	192.71 %
Provision for (recovery of) loan losses as a percent of average total loans		1.14%	)	(0.11)%		0.48%	)	0.02 %
Net charge-offs (recoveries) as a percentage of average total loans (annualized)		0.15%	, )	(0.15)%		0.09%	)	(0.03)%
CAPITAL RATIOS (d)								
Common Equity Tier 1		13.46%	, )	N/A		13.46%	)	N/A
Tier 1		13.77%	, )	14.53 %		13.77%	)	14.53 %
Total (Tier 1 and Tier 2)		14.97%	, )	15.73 %		14.97%	)	15.73 %
Tier 1 leverage		9.57%	)	10.64 %		9.57%	)	10.64 %
Tangible equity to tangible assets (e)		8.88%	, )	9.40 %		8.88%	)	9.40 %
PER COMMON SHARE DATA								
Earnings per common share – Basic	\$	0.23	\$	0.33	\$	0.48	\$	1.09
Earnings per common share – Diluted		0.22		0.32		0.47		1.08
Cash dividends declared per common share		0.15		0.15		0.45		0.45
Book value per common share (d)		23.08		22.57		23.08		22.57
Tangible book value per common share (d)(e)	\$	14.86	\$	15.50	\$	14.86	\$	15.50
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding – Basic	18	8,127,131	12	2,632,341	17	7,357,034	1	1,348,625
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding – Diluted		8,271,979	12	2,765,880	17	7,487,642	1	1,464,020
Common shares outstanding at end of period	18	8,400,809	14	1,150,279	18	8,400,809	1	4,150,279

<sup>(</sup>a) Non-interest expense (less amortization of other intangible assets) as a percentage of fully tax-equivalent net interest income plus non-interest income (excluding gains or losses on investment securities and asset disposals and other transactions).

<sup>(</sup>b) This amount represents a non-GAAP financial measure since it excludes the provision for loan losses and gains or losses on investment securities and asset disposals and other transactions included in earnings. Additional information regarding the calculation of these measures can be found later in this section under the caption "Pre-Provision Net Revenue".

<sup>(</sup>c) Nonperforming loans include loans 90 days+ past due and accruing, renegotiated loans and nonaccrual loans. Nonperforming assets include nonperforming loans and other real estate owned.

<sup>(</sup>d) Data presented as of the end of the period indicated.

(e) These amounts represent non-GAAP financial measures since they exclude the balance sheet impact of intangible assets acquired through acquisitions on both total stockholders' equity and total assets. Additional information regarding the calculation of these measures can be found later in this discussion under the caption "Capital/Stockholders' Equity".

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

Certain statements in this Form 10-Q, which are not historical fact, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, Section 21E of the Exchange Act, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "anticipates", "estimates", "feels", "expects", "believes", "plans", "will", "would", "should", "could" and similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially. Factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to:

- (1) the success, impact, and timing of the implementation of Peoples' business strategies, including the successful integration of recently completed acquisitions and the expansion of consumer lending activity;
- (2) Peoples' ability to integrate the NB&T acquisition and any future acquisitions may be unsuccessful, or may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected;
- (3) Peoples may issue equity securities in connection with future acquisitions, which could cause ownership and economic dilution to Peoples' current shareholders;
- (4) local, regional, national and international economic conditions and the impact they may have on Peoples, its customers and its counterparties, and Peoples' assessment of the impact, which may be different than anticipated;
- (5) competitive pressures among financial institutions or from non-financial institutions may increase significantly, including product and pricing pressures, third-party relationships and revenues, and Peoples' ability to attract, develop and retain qualified professionals;
- (6) changes in the interest rate environment due to economic conditions and/or the fiscal policies of the U.S. government and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve Board"), which may adversely impact interest rates, interest margins and interest rate sensitivity;
- (7) changes in prepayment speeds, loan originations, levels of non-performing assets, delinquent loans and charge-offs, which may be less favorable than expected and adversely impact the amount of interest income generated;
- (8) adverse changes in the economic conditions and/or activities, including, but not limited to, impacts from the implementation of the Budget Control Act of 2011 and the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, as well as continued economic uncertainty in the U.S., the European Union, Asia, and other areas, which could decrease sales volumes and increase loan delinquencies and defaults;
- (9) legislative or regulatory changes or actions, including in particular the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 and the regulations promulgated and to be promulgated thereunder by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC"), the Federal Reserve Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which may subject Peoples, its subsidiaries, or one or more acquired companies to a variety of new and more stringent legal and regulatory requirements which adversely affect their respective businesses;
- (10) deterioration in the credit quality of Peoples' loan portfolio, which may adversely impact the provision for loan losses;
- (11) changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates or procedures which may adversely affect Peoples' reported financial condition or results of operations;
- (12) Peoples' assumptions and estimates used in applying critical accounting policies, which may prove unreliable, inaccurate or not predictive of actual results;
- (13) adverse changes in the conditions and trends in the financial markets, including political developments, which may adversely affect the fair value of securities within Peoples' investment portfolio, the interest rate sensitivity of Peoples' consolidated balance sheet, and the income generated by Peoples' trust and investment activities;
- (14) Peoples' ability to receive dividends from its subsidiaries;

- (15) Peoples' ability to maintain required capital levels and adequate sources of funding and liquidity;
- (16) the impact of new minimum capital thresholds established as a part of the implementation of Basel III;
- (17) the impact of larger or similar sized financial institutions encountering problems, which may adversely affect the banking industry and/or Peoples' business generation and retention, funding and liquidity;
- (18) the costs and effects of regulatory and legal developments, including the outcome of potential regulatory or other governmental inquiries and legal proceedings and results of regulatory examinations;
- (19) Peoples' ability to secure confidential information through the use of computer systems and telecommunications networks, including those of Peoples' third-party vendors and other service providers, may prove inadequate, which could adversely affect customer confidence in Peoples and/or result in Peoples incurring a financial loss;
- (20) the overall adequacy of Peoples' risk management program;
- (21) the impact on Peoples' businesses, as well as on the risks described above, of various domestic or international military or terrorist activities or conflicts; and
- other risk factors relating to the banking industry or Peoples as detailed from time to time in Peoples' reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including those risk factors included in the disclosures under the heading "ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS" of Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the filing date of this Form 10-Q and are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements. Although management believes the expectations in these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions within the bounds of management's knowledge of Peoples' business and operations, it is possible that actual results may differ materially from these projections. Additionally, Peoples undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the filing date of this Form 10-Q or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events except as may be required by applicable legal requirements. Copies of documents filed with the SEC are available free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and/or from Peoples' website – www.peoplesbancorp.com under the "Investor Relations" section.

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements, and Notes thereto, contained in Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K, as well as the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, ratios, statistics and discussions contained elsewhere in this Form 10-Q.

#### **Business Overview**

The following discussion and analysis of Peoples' Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements is presented to provide insight into management's assessment of the financial condition and results of operations.

Peoples offers diversified financial products and services through 82 financial service locations and 81 Automated Teller Machines ("ATMs") in northeastern, central, southwestern and southeastern Ohio, west central West Virginia and northeastern Kentucky through its financial service units – Peoples Bank and Peoples Insurance Agency, LLC ("Peoples Insurance"), a subsidiary of Peoples Bank. Peoples Bank is subject to regulation and examination primarily by the OCC and secondarily by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). Peoples Insurance is subject to regulation by the Ohio Department of Insurance and the state insurance regulatory agencies of those states in which it may do business.

Peoples' products and services include traditional banking products, such as deposit accounts, lending products and trust services. Peoples provides services through traditional offices, ATMs, and telephone and internet-based banking. Peoples also offers a complete array of insurance products and makes available custom-tailored fiduciary, employee benefit plans and asset management services. Brokerage services are offered by Peoples exclusively through an unaffiliated registered broker-dealer.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The accounting and reporting policies of Peoples conform to US GAAP and to general practices within the financial services industry. The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates. Management has identified the accounting policies that, due to the judgments, estimates and assumptions inherent in those policies, are critical to understanding Peoples' Unaudited

Consolidated Financial Statements, and Management's Discussion and Analysis at September 30, 2015, which were unchanged from the policies disclosed in Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K.

## **Summary of Recent Transactions and Events**

The following is a summary of recent transactions and events that have impacted or are expected to impact Peoples' results of operations or financial condition:

- On July 24, 2015, Peoples repaid the \$12.0 million term loan payable under the Amended Loan Agreement described in Note 5 - Loan-Term Borrowings of the Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-Q. There were no early termination fees associated with the repayment.
- At the close of business on March 6, 2015, Peoples completed the acquisition of NB&T and the 22 full-service offices of its subsidiary, The National Bank and Trust Company, in southwestern Ohio. Under the terms of the merger agreement, Peoples paid 0.9319 in Peoples' common shares and \$7.75 in cash for each common share of NB&T, or total consideration of \$102.7 million. The acquisition added \$384.6 million of loans and \$629.5 million of deposits at the acquisition date, after preliminary acquisition accounting adjustments.
- At the close of business on October 24, 2014, Peoples completed the acquisition of North Akron Savings Bank ("North Akron") and its 4 full-service offices in Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Munroe and Norton, Ohio. Under the terms of the merger agreement, Peoples paid \$7,655 of consideration per share of North Akron common stock, or \$20.1 million, of which 80% was paid in Peoples' common shares and the remaining 20% in cash. The acquisition added \$111.5 million of loans and \$108.1 million of deposits at the acquisition date, after acquisition accounting adjustments.
- At the close of business on August 22, 2014, Peoples completed the acquisition of Ohio Heritage Bancorp, Inc. ("Ohio Heritage") and the 6 full-service offices of its subsidiary, Ohio Heritage Bank, in Coshocton, Newark, Heath, Mount Vernon and New Philadelphia, Ohio. Under the terms of the agreement, Peoples paid \$110.00 of consideration per share of Ohio Heritage common stock, or \$37.7 million, of which 85% was paid in Peoples' common shares and the remaining 15% in cash. The acquisition added \$175.8 million of loans and \$174.9 million of deposits at the acquisition date, after acquisition accounting adjustments.
- On August 7, 2014, Peoples announced the completion of the sale of 1,847,826 common shares at \$23.00 per share
  to institutional investors through a private placement (the "Private Equity Issuance"). Peoples received net proceeds
  of \$40.2 million from the sale, and used the proceeds, in part, to fund the cash consideration for the NB&T
  acquisition.
- At the close of business on May 30, 2014, Peoples completed the acquisition of Midwest Bancshares, Inc. ("Midwest") and the 2 full-service offices of its subsidiary, First National Bank of Wellston, in Wellston and Jackson, Ohio. Under the terms of the agreement, Peoples paid \$65.50 of consideration per share of Midwest common stock, or \$12.6 million, of which 50% was paid in cash and the remaining 50% in Peoples' common shares. The acquisition added \$58.7 million of loans and \$77.9 million of deposits at the acquisition date, after acquisition accounting adjustments.
- In the third quarter of 2015, Peoples incurred \$109,000 of acquisition-related expenses, compared to \$732,000 in the second quarter of 2015, and \$9.6 million in the first quarter of 2015. These acquisition-related expenses were primarily severance costs, fees for legal costs and other professional services, deconversion costs and write-offs associated with assets acquired. For the nine months of 2015, Peoples incurred \$10.5 million of acquisition-related expenses in 2015 compared to \$3.2 million in the nine months of 2014.
- As described in Note 7 Employee Benefit Plans of the Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-Q, Peoples incurred settlement charges of \$82,000 in the third quarter of 2015 due to the aggregate amount of lump-sum distributions to participants in Peoples' defined benefit pension plan exceeding the threshold for recognizing such charges during the first quarter of 2015. Settlement charges of \$103,000 and \$361,000 were recognized during the second quarter of 2015 and third quarter of 2014, respectively. For the nine months ended 2015, settlement charges of \$454,000 were recognized, compared to \$1.4 million for the nine months of 2014.
- Peoples' net interest income and net interest margin are impacted by changes in market interest rates based upon actions taken by the Federal Reserve Board, either directly or through its Open Market Committee. These actions include changing its target Federal Funds Rate (the interest rate at which banks lend money to each other), Discount Rate (the interest rate charged to banks for money borrowed from the Federal Reserve Bank) and longer-term

market interest rates (primarily U.S. Treasury securities). Longer-term market interest rates also are affected by the demand for U.S. Treasury securities. The resulting changes in the yield curve slope have a direct impact on reinvestment rates for Peoples' earning assets.

- The Federal Reserve Board has maintained its target Federal Funds Rate at a historically low level of 0% to 0.25% since December 2008 and has maintained the Discount Rate at 0.75% since December 2010. The Federal Reserve Board has indicated the possibility these short-term rates could start to be raised in fourth quarter 2015.
- From late 2008 until year-end 2014, the Federal Reserve Board took various actions to lower longer-term market interest rates as a means of stimulating the economy a policy commonly referred to as "quantitative easing". These actions involved buying mortgage-backed and other debt securities through its open market operations. In December 2013, the Federal Reserve Board announced plans to taper its quantitative easing efforts. As a result, the slope of the U.S. Treasury yield curve has fluctuated significantly. Substantial flattening occurred in late 2008, in mid-2010 and early third quarter of 2011 through 2012, while moderate steepening occurred in the second half of 2009, late 2010 and mid-2013. The curve remained relatively steep throughout the second half of 2013, primarily as a reaction to the Federal Reserve Board's announcement of a reduction in monthly asset purchases and generally improving economic conditions. The curve flattened gradually throughout 2014, and the intermediate part of the curve continued to flatten in 2015. The recent flattening of the yield curve was in response to the slowing global economy, geopolitical uncertainty, and lower yields on sovereign debt around the world.

The impact of these transactions and events, where material, is discussed in the applicable sections of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Peoples recorded net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 of \$4.1 million, or \$0.22 per diluted common share, compared to net income of \$4.2 million and \$0.32 per diluted common share a year ago, and \$4.9 million or \$0.27 per diluted common share in the second quarter of 2015. On a year-to-date basis, net income was \$8.4 million or \$0.47 per diluted share in the nine months of 2015 compared to \$12.4 million or \$1.08 per diluted share for the same period in 2014. The decreased earnings for all periods was primarily related to the increase in provision for loan losses which was partially offset by increased net interest income.

Net interest income was \$25.5 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$17.9 million for the third quarter of 2014 and \$24.8 million for the second quarter of 2015, while net interest margin was 3.55%, 3.45% and 3.46%, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, net interest income was \$71.7 million, compared to \$49.4 million in 2014. The improvement was driven by an increase in earning assets due to higher loan balances, a reduction in funding costs and accretion income from acquisitions.

Net interest margin, excluding the net accretion income, improved 6 basis points compared to the linked quarter. Prepayment penalties received on investments and loans accounted for 4 basis points of the improvement. The remaining improvement was due to the strategies executed early in the quarter, which included excess cash being deployed into the investment portfolio and the payoff of the \$12.0 million term loan. The accretion income, net of amortization expense, from acquisitions added 18 basis points of net interest margin in the third quarter of 2015, compared to 15 basis points for the linked quarter and 13 basis points for the third quarter of 2014. On a year-to-date basis, net accretion income from the acquisitions added 17 basis points for the nine months of 2015 and 9 basis points for the nine months of 2014.

Peoples' provision for loan losses for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was \$5.8 million, which was driven largely by an increase in a specific reserve for a large commercial loan relationship. The loan growth experienced during the quarter, coupled with the increase in criticized loans, also accounted for a portion of the increase in the provision during the quarter, compared to a recovery of \$380,000 during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and a provision of \$672,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2015. Net charge-offs, while still below Peoples' historical rate of 30 to 40 basis points, increased during the quarter as Peoples recorded net charge-offs of \$750,000, resulting in an annualized net charge-off rate of 15 basis points. The increase of \$1.1 million in nonperforming assets was primarily due to the increase in loans 90+ days past due and accruing, which was mainly the result of two loans. Criticized assets, which are those classified as watch, substandard or doubtful, increased during the quarter largely due to four large commercial real estate loans being downgraded during the quarter.

For the third quarter of 2015, total non-interest income was relatively flat compared to the linked quarter and up 21% compared to the prior year third quarter. The growth in other non-interest income, which was primarily gains from selling Small Business Administration loans, was largely offset by the decline in mortgage banking income compared to the linked

quarter. The growth in total non-interest income compared to the prior year third quarter was due largely to increased trust and investment income, electronic banking income and deposit account service charges. On a year-to-date basis, all categories comprising total non-interest income were up compared to the first nine months of 2014, most notably electronic banking income, trust and investment income, and deposit account service charges, with growth of 36%, 25%, and 19% respectively.

Non-interest expenses for the third quarter of 2015 were down 9% compared to the linked quarter, with much of the decrease due to a reduction in marketing expenses, coupled with reductions in foreclosed real estate and other loan expenses, salaries and employee benefits, and various other categories. Year-to-date non-interest expenses were up 44% compared to the first nine months of 2014, with the increase due largely to the NB&T acquisition, which closed March 6, 2015. Non-interest expenses for the third quarter and year-to-date of 2015 included acquisition costs of \$0.1 million and \$9.9 million, respectively; and pension settlement charges of \$82,000 and \$454,000, respectively. The efficiency ratio for the third quarter of 2015 was 65.81%, compared to 74.20% for the linked quarter and 77.82% for the third quarter of 2014. The decrease in the ratio for the quarter was the result of the decrease in non-interest expenses.

At September 30, 2015, total assets were \$3.23 billion, up \$661.1 million from year-end 2014. This increase was primarily the result of the NB&T acquisition. The allowance for loan losses was \$23.3 million, or 1.72% of originated loans (net of deferred fees and costs), compared to \$17.9 million and 1.48% at December 31, 2014. The NB&T acquisition added approximately \$384.6 million of loans at acquisition date, after preliminary acquisition accounting adjustments.

Total liabilities were \$2.80 billion at September 30, 2015, up \$576.4 million since year-end 2014. The increase in liabilities was primarily due to a 31%, or \$597.8 million, increase in deposits. Total deposit growth in non-interest bearing deposits increased 44%, or \$218.1 million, and interest bearing deposits increased 26%, or \$379.7 million from December 31, 2014, primarily due to acquisitions. Total retail deposits decreased \$9.4 million during the quarter. All interest-bearing deposit types decreased in the third quarter of 2015, with the largest decreases being certificates of deposits and governmental deposits.

At September 30, 2015, total stockholders' equity was \$424.8 million, up \$84.6 million since December 31, 2014. During the first quarter of 2015, Peoples issued \$76.0 million of common shares as part of the consideration for the NB&T acquisition. Regulatory capital ratios remained significantly higher than "well capitalized" minimums. Peoples' Tier 1 Risk-Based capital ratio remained stable at 13.77% at September 30, 2015, versus 14.32% at December 31, 2014, while the Total Risk-Based Capital ratio was 14.97% versus 15.48% at December 31, 2014. In addition, Peoples' tangible equity to tangible asset ratio was 8.88%, and tangible book value per common share was \$14.86 at September 30, 2015, versus 9.39% and \$15.57 at December 31, 2014, respectively.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### **Net Interest Income**

Net interest income, the amount by which interest income exceeds interest expense, remains Peoples' largest source of revenue. The amount of net interest income earned by Peoples each quarter is affected by various factors, including changes in market interest rates due to the Federal Reserve Board's monetary policy, the level and degree of pricing competition for both loans and deposits in Peoples' markets, and the amount and composition of Peoples' earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

The following tables detail Peoples' average balance sheets for the periods presented:

For	the	Three	Mo	nthe	Fnd	he
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				For the Th	ree Months	Ended					
	Septer	mber 30, 20	)15	Jur	ne 30, 2015		September 30, 2014				
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance	Income/ Expense	Yield/ Cost	Average Balance	Income/ Expense	Yield/ Cost	Average Balance	Income/ Expense	Yield/ Cost		
Short-term investments	\$ 34,093	\$ 21	0.24 %	\$ 94,376	\$ 57	0.25 %	\$ 16,401	\$ 5	0.12 %		
Other long-term investments	1,261	3	0.94%	1,345	4	1.19%	1,785	_	<u> </u>		
Investment Securities (1):											
Taxable	742,486	4,530	2.44 %	722,969	4,599	2.54 %	631,684	4,227	2.68%		
Nontaxable (2)	113,577	1,231	4.34 %	115,212	1,241	4.31%	63,170	723	4.58%		
Total investment securities	856,063	5,761	2.69 %	838,181	5,840	2.79 %	694,854	4,950	2.85 %		
Loans (3):											
Commercial real estate, construction	70,264	762	4.24 %	59,297	637	4.25 %	39,621	442	4.37%		
Commercial real estate, other	719,679	8,478	4.61%	736,194	8,194	4.40 %	500,828	5,786	4.52 %		
Commercial and industrial	342,672	3,559	4.06 %	325,393	3,386	4.12%	254,683	2,883	4.43 %		
Residential real estate (4)	570,623	6,283	4.40 %	573,041	6,355	4.44%	355,672	4,189	4.71 %		
Home equity lines of credit	104,941	1,277	4.83 %	102,897	1,235	4.81%	67,841	603	3.53 %		
Consumer	219,143	2,559	4.63 %	203,176	2,385	4.71%	173,795	2,054	4.69 %		
Total loans	2,027,322	22,918	4.46 %	1,999,998	22,192	4.41 %	1,392,440	15,957	4.52 %		
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(17,982)	)		(17,918)	1		(17,595)				
Net loans	2,009,340	22,918	4.50%	1,982,080	22,192	4.45 %	1,374,845	15,957	4.58 %		
Total earning assets	2,900,757	28,703	3.92 %	2,915,982	28,093	3.84 %	2,087,885	20,912	3.96%		
Intangible assets	151,206	,		151,736	,		88,466	,			
Other assets	157,730			152,205			100,897				
Total assets	\$3,209,693			\$3,219,923			\$2,277,248				
Deposits:											
Savings accounts	\$ 410,131	\$ 56	0.05 %	\$ 407,713	\$ 55	0.05 %	\$ 253,328	\$ 35	0.05 %		
Governmental deposit accounts	301,178	161	0.21 %	307,535	165	0.22 %	179,684	121	0.27 %		
Interest-bearing demand accounts	235,145	47	0.08%	234,602	48	0.08 %	148,611	31	0.08 %		
Money market accounts	395,547	158	0.16%	397,217	158	0.16%	287,866	117	0.16%		
Brokered deposits	34,883	328	3.73 %	38,114	354	3.73 %	40,508	381	3.73 %		
Retail certificates of deposit	472,516		0.66%	489,604	838	0.69 %	385,222	829	0.85 %		
Total interest-bearing deposits	1,849,400	1,539	0.33 %	1,874,785	1,618	0.35 %	1,295,219	1,514	0.46 %		
Borrowed Funds:	1,047,400	1,557	0.55 70	1,074,703	1,010	0.55 70	1,2/3,21/	1,314	0.40 /0		
Short-term FHLB advances	9,413	5	0.21 %			%	24,724	17	0.27 %		
	89,583	37	0.21 %	76,242	31	0.16%	68,049	29	0.27 %		
Retail repurchase agreements  Total short-term borrowings	98,996	42	0.17 %	76,242	31	0.16 %	92,773	46	0.17 %		
Long-term FHLB advances	69,821	548	3.11%	70,242	545	3.12 %	78,766	615	3.10%		
	40,000	371	3.71 %	40,000		3.12 %	40,000	371	3.71 %		
Wholesale repurchase agreements				-	367						
Other borrowings	9,656		5.75 %	19,775	212	4.24%	16,748	161	3.85 %		
Total long-term borrowings	119,477	1,061	3.54%	129,891	1,124	3.47 %	135,514	1,147	3.37 %		
Total borrowed funds	218,473	1,103	2.01 %	206,133	1,155	2.25 %	228,287	1,193	2.08 %		
Total interest-bearing liabilities	2,067,873	2,642	0.51 %	2,080,918	2,773	0.53 %	1,523,506	2,707	0.71 %		
Non-interest-bearing deposits	694,277			690,483			449,177				
Other liabilities	26,433			28,709			20,557				
Total liabilities	2,788,583			2,800,110			1,993,240				
Total stockholders' equity	421,110			419,813			284,008				
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$3,209,693			\$3,219,923			\$2,277,248				
Interest rate spread		\$ 26,061	3.41%		\$ 25,320	3.31%		\$ 18,205	3.25 %		
Net interest margin			3.55%			3.46%			3.45%		

<sup>(1)</sup> Average balances are based on carrying value.

<sup>(2)</sup> Interest income and yields are presented on a fully tax-equivalent basis using a 35% federal statutory tax rate.

<sup>(3)</sup> Average balances include nonaccrual and impaired loans. Interest income includes interest earned on nonaccrual loans prior to the loans being placed on nonaccrual status. Loan fees included in interest income were immaterial for all periods presented.

(4) Loans held for sale are included in the average loan balance listed. Related interest income on loans originated for sale prior to the loan being sold is included in loan interest income.

						Nine N	Mon.	ths Ended			
				r 30, 201			_			ber 30, 201	
(Dollars in thousands)		Average Balance		ome/ pense		eld/ ost		Average Balance		ncome/ Expense	Yield/ Cost
Short-term investments	\$	63,670	\$	115	(	0.24%	\$	10,213	\$	(18)	(0.24)%
Other long-term investments		1,317		10		1.02%		2,068		5	0.32
Investment Securities (1):											
Taxable		713,386		13,537	2	2.53 %		621,813		12,797	2.74 9
Nontaxable (2)		104,474		3,389	4	4.33 %		57,885		2,049	4.72 9
Total investment securities		817,860		16,926	2	2.76%		679,698		14,846	2.91
Loans (3):											
Commercial real estate, construction		58,353		1,887	4	4.26%		48,314		1,454	3.97 9
Commercial real estate, other		685,543	2	23,666	4	4.55%		473,713		16,188	4.51
Commercial and industrial		320,793		10,140	4	4.17%		244,115		8,140	4.40
Residential real estate (4)		549,582		18,234	4	4.42 %		304,558		10,543	4.62 %
Home equity lines of credit		97,881		3,367		4.60%		62,768		1,711	3.64 %
Consumer		203,684		7,020	4	4.61%		156,893		5,448	4.64 %
Total loans		1,915,836	(	54,314	4	4.45 %		1,290,361		43,484	4.47 %
Less: Allowance for loan losses		(17,930)						(17,318)			
Net loans		1,897,906		54,314		1.49 %		1,273,043		43,484	4.53 9
Total earning assets		2,780,753	8	81,365	Í	3.88%		1,965,022		58,317	3.94
Intangible assets		141,754						81,358			
Other assets		145,957						93,800			
Total assets	\$	3,068,464					\$	2,140,180			
Deposits:										_	
Savings accounts	\$	381,717	\$	154		0.05 %	\$	235,017	\$	97	0.06
Governmental deposit accounts		273,768		450		0.22%		162,851		357	0.29
Interest-bearing demand accounts		217,220		134		0.08%		141,503		88	0.08
Money market accounts		381,238		456		0.16%		278,288		335	0.16
Brokered deposits		37,130		1,034		3.72 %		43,581		1,199	3.68 9
Retail certificates of deposit	_	469,010		2,488		0.71 %		367,412		2,472	0.90 9
Total interest-bearing deposits		1,760,083		4,716	(	0.36%		1,228,652		4,548	0.49 9
Borrowed Funds:		5.406		0		200/		40.122		45	0.10.6
Short-term FHLB advances		5,436		8		0.20%		48,123		47	0.13 9
Retail repurchase agreements		81,304		100		0.16%		54,357		67	0.16 9
Total short-term borrowings		86,740		108		0.17%		102,480		114	0.15 9
Long-term FHLB advances		87,154		1,718		2.64%		67,811		1,660	3.27 9
Wholesale repurchase agreements		40,000		1,100		3.67%		40,000		1,100	3.67 9
Other borrowings  Total long term borrowings		15,205		513		4.45 %		17,934		528	3.93 9
Total long-term borrowings  Total borrowed funds		142,359 229,099		3,331		3.13 % 2.00 %		125,745		3,288	3.49 9
				3,439				228,225		3,402	1.99 9
Total interest-bearing liabilities		1,989,182		8,155		0.55%		1,456,877		7,950	0.73
Non-interest-bearing deposits Other liabilities		645,553						413,543			
Total liabilities		31,625						20,611			
		2,666,360 402,104						1,891,031 249,149			
Total stockholders' equity  Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	<b>3,068,464</b>					\$	<b>2,140,180</b>			
	Ф	3,000,404	•	73 210	,	3.33 %	Ф	2,140,100	\$	50,367	3.21
Interest rate spread			\$	73,210		3.33 %			Þ	30,307	٥.

<sup>(1)</sup> Average balances are based on carrying value.

Net interest margin

3.49%

3.40 %

- (2) Interest income and yields are presented on a fully tax-equivalent basis using a 35% federal statutory tax rate.
- (3) Average balances include nonaccrual and impaired loans. Interest income includes interest earned on nonaccrual loans prior to the loans being placed on nonaccrual status. Loan fees included in interest income were immaterial for all periods presented.

Nine Months Ended

(4) Loans held for sale are included in the average loan balance listed. Related interest income on loans originated for sale prior to the loan being sold is included in loan interest income.

The following table provides an analysis of the changes in FTE net interest income:

									Nine Months Ended						
					<b>September 30, 2015</b>										
		Three M	Ionths E	nded Septe	mbe	er 30, 20	15 Compai	ed to	Compared to						
(Dollars in thousands)		Jun	e 30, 201			Septe	mber 30, 2		Septe	ember 30,					
Increase (decrease) in:	R	Rate V	/olume	Total (1)		Rate	Volume	Total (1)	Rate	Volume	Total (1)				
INTEREST INCOME:															
Short-term investments	\$	— \$	(36)	\$ (36)	\$	9	\$ 7	\$ 16	\$ 107	\$ 26	\$ 133				
Other long-term investments		_	(1)	(1)		3	_	3	8	(3)	5				
<b>Investment Securities:</b> (2)															
Taxable		(640)	571	(69)		(1,884)	2,187	303	451	289	740				
Nontaxable		40	(50)	(10)		(256)	764	508	290	1,050	1,340				
Total investment income		(600)	521	(79)		(2,140)	2,951	811	741	1,339	2,080				
Loans:															
Commercial real estate, construction		(6)	131	125		(82)	402	320	114	319	433				
Commercial real estate, other		1,176	(892)	284		116	2,576	2,692	167	7,311	7,478				
Commercial and industrial		(242)	415	173		(1,372)	2,048	676	(675)	2,675	2,000				
Residential real estate		(45)	(27)	(72)		(1,766)	3,860	2,094	(734)	8,425	7,691				
Home equity lines of credit		5	37	42		272	402	674	528	1,128	1,656				
Consumer		(225)	399	174		(164)	669	505	(67)	1,639	1,572				
Total loan income		663	63	726		(2,996)	9,957	6,961	(667)	21,497	20,830				
Total interest income		63	547	610		(5,124)	12,915	7,791	189	22,859	23,048				
INTEREST EXPENSE:															
<b>Deposits:</b>															
Savings accounts		_	1	1		(3)	24	21	(4)	61	57				
Government deposit accounts		(2)	(2)	(4)		(142)	182	40	(149)	242	93				
Interest-bearing demand accounts		(2)	1	(1)		(9)	25	16	(1)	47	46				
Money market accounts		_	_	_		(13)	54	41	(4)	125	121				
Brokered certificates of deposit		3	(29)	(26)		_	(53)	(53)	24	(189)	(165)				
Retail certificates of deposit		(24)	(25)	(49)		(761)	721	(40)	(785)	801	16				
Total deposit cost		(25)	(54)	(79)		(928)	953	25	(919)	1,087	168				
Borrowed funds:															
Short-term borrowings		1	10	11		(4)	_	(4)	23	(29)	(6)				
Long-term borrowings		134	(197)	(63)		300	(386)		(396)	439	43				
Total borrowed funds cost		135	(187)	(52)		296	(386)		(373)	410	37				
Total interest expense		110	(241)	(131)		(632)	567	(65)	(1,292)	1,497	205				
Net interest income	\$	(47) \$	788	\$ 741	\$	(4,492)	\$ 12,348	\$ 7,856	\$ 1,481	\$ 21,362	\$ 22,843				

<sup>(1)</sup> The change in interest due to both rate and volume has been allocated to rate and volume changes in proportion to the relationship of the dollar amounts of the changes in each.

Net interest margin, which is calculated by dividing fully tax-equivalent ("FTE") net interest income by average interestearning assets, serves as an important measurement of the net revenue stream generated by the volume, mix and pricing of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. FTE net interest income is calculated by increasing interest income to convert tax-exempt income earned on obligations of states and political subdivisions to the pre-tax equivalent of taxable income using a 35% federal statutory tax rate.

<sup>(2)</sup> Presented on a fully tax-equivalent basis.

The following table details the calculation of FTE net interest income:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>							Nine Months Ended				
	September 30,			June 30,	Sei	ptember 30,		Septembe	er 30,			
(Dollars in thousands)	~ · ·	2015		2015	~ • •	2014		2015	2014			
Net interest income, as reported	\$	25,536	\$	24,793	\$	17,859	\$	71,748 \$	49,382			
Taxable equivalent adjustments		525		527		346		1,462	985			
Fully tax-equivalent net interest income	\$	26,061	\$	25,320	\$	18,205	\$	73,210 \$	50,367			

Net interest income increased 3% in the third quarter of 2015 compared to the prior quarter and 43% compared to the prior year third quarter. During the third quarter of 2015, net interest income and net interest margin benefited from normal accretion income, net of amortization expense, of \$1.4 million related to the completed acquisitions, which added 18 basis points to net interest margin, compared to \$1.1 million, or 15 basis points, during the linked quarter and \$660,000, or 13 basis points, during the prior year third quarter. On a year-to-date basis, accretion income and amortization expense from the acquisitions added 17 basis points for the nine months of 2015 and 9 basis points for the nine months of 2014.

The net interest margin, excluding the impact of amortization and accretion from the acquisitions completed, improved 6 basis points compared to the linked quarter. Prepayment penalties received on investments and loans accounted for 4 basis points of the improvement. The remaining improvement was due to the strategies executed early in the quarter, which included excess cash being deployed into the investment portfolio and the pay off of the \$12.0 million term loan. Funding costs declined 2 basis points during the third quarter of 2015 compared to the prior quarter, and 18 basis points from the prior year third quarter. Peoples continues to execute its strategy of replacing higher-cost funding with low-cost deposits.

Additional information regarding changes in the Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets can be found under appropriate captions of the "FINANCIAL CONDITION" section of this discussion. Additional information regarding Peoples' interest rate risk and the potential impact of interest rate changes on Peoples' results of operations and financial condition can be found later in this discussion under the caption "Interest Rate Sensitivity and Liquidity".

## **Provision for Loan Losses**

The following table details Peoples' provision for loan losses:

	Three Months Ended									Ended
	Sent	eptember 30,		June 30,	Se	ptember 30,		Septer	nbei	30,
(Dollars in thousands)	~~p·	2015		2015	~ .	2014		2015		2014
Provision for checking account overdrafts	\$	202	\$	172	\$	120	\$	474	\$	211
Provision for other loan losses		5,635		500		(500)		6,385		_
Net provision for loan losses	\$	5,837	\$	672	\$	(380)	\$	6,859	\$	211
As a percentage of average total loans (a)	-	1.14%	ò	0.13%	ó	(0.11)%		0.48%	ó	0.02%

<sup>(</sup>a) Presented on an annualized basis

The provision for loan losses recorded represents the amount needed to maintain the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses based on management's quarterly analysis of the loan portfolio and procedural methodology that estimates the amount of probable credit losses. This process considers various factors that affect losses, such as changes in Peoples' loan quality, historical loss experience and current economic conditions. The provision for loan losses recorded during the third quarter of 2015 was primarily due to increased loan growth, an increase in criticized loans and an increase in a specific reserve related to one commercial relationship, coupled with net charge-offs of \$750,000. The provision for loan losses recorded during the second quarter of 2015 was primarily due to an increase in nonperforming assets due to a commercial relationship that was placed on nonaccrual status. The recovery recorded during the third quarter of 2014 was primarily due to a \$500,000 recovery recorded on a loan that had previously been charged-off. During the third quarter of 2015, net charge-offs remained below the long-term historical averages of 30 to 40 basis points.

Additional information regarding changes in the allowance for loan losses and loan credit quality can be found later in this discussion under the caption "Allowance for Loan Losses".

## Net (Loss) Gains on Asset Disposals and Other Transactions

The following table details the net (loss) gains on asset disposals and other transactions recognized by Peoples:

		Three	_	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>			
	Septe	mber 30,	June 30,	September 30.	_ , _	Septembe	er 30,
(Dollars in thousands)	2	2015	2015	2014		2015	2014
Net (loss) gains on other real estate owned ("OREO")	\$	(50) \$	(73)	)\$ 9	\$	(131) \$	27
Net gain (loss) on debt extinguishment		_	_	67	'	(520)	67
Net loss on bank premises and equipment		(1)	(63)	(185	)	(639)	(379)
Net loss on asset disposals and other transactions	\$	(51) \$	(136)	) \$ (109	) \$	(1,290) \$	(285)

The net loss on OREO during the second and third quarter of 2015 was due mainly to the sale of one OREO property and the write-down of another OREO property during each quarter. The net loss on bank premises and equipment for the second quarter of 2015 was due mainly to a write-off of obsolete fixed assets and the write-down of a closed office location that is available for sale. During the first quarter of 2015, a loss on bank premises and equipment was recorded due to asset write-offs associated with the NB&T acquisition. Also during the first quarter of 2015, Peoples recognized a loss on debt extinguishment from the prepayment of several FHLB advances, and a loss on OREO from decreases in the market value of residential properties that were sold. The loss on bank premises and equipment recorded during the third quarter of 2014 included \$185,000 of losses due to asset write-offs associated with the Ohio Heritage acquisition, while the gain on debt extinguishment in 2014 was related to restructuring of FHLB advances and a gain on OREO from the sale of a residential property during 2014.

## **Non-Interest Income**

Insurance income comprised the largest portion of third quarter 2015 non-interest income. The following table details Peoples' insurance income:

		Th	ree	Months En		Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,					ptember 30,		September	· 30,
(Dollars in thousands)		2015		2015		2014		2015	2014
Property and casualty insurance commissions	\$	2,678	\$	2,665	\$	2,499	\$	7,755 \$	7,661
Performance-based commissions		116		30		224		1,609	1,656
Life and health insurance commissions		436		474		395		1,291	1,213
Credit life and A&H insurance commissions		12		26		9		39	25
Other fees and charges		33		88		42		176	173
Total insurance income	\$	3,275	\$	3,283	\$	3,169	\$	10,870 \$	10,728

Deposit account service charges continued to comprise a sizable portion of Peoples' non-interest income. The following table details Peoples' deposit account service charges:

		Th	ree	Months End	1		Ended			
	1 /		June 30,	September 30			September 30,			
(Dollars in thousands)		2015		2015		2014		2015		2014
Overdraft and non-sufficient funds fees	\$	2,264	\$	2,259	\$	1,968	\$	6,173	\$	5,284
Account maintenance fees		581		521		449		1,553		1,239
Other fees and charges		77		68		32		339		264
Total deposit account service charges	\$	2,922	\$	2,848	\$	2,449	\$	8,065	\$	6,787

The amount of deposit account service charges, particularly fees for overdrafts and non-sufficient funds, is largely dependent on the timing and volume of customer activity. Peoples typically experiences a lower volume of overdraft and non-sufficient funds fees annually in the first quarter attributable to customers receiving income tax refunds, while volumes generally increase in the fourth quarter in connection with the holiday shopping season.

Peoples' fiduciary and brokerage revenues continue to be based primarily upon the value of assets under management, with additional income generated from transaction commissions. The following tables detail Peoples' trust and investment income and related assets under management:

		Thre	e Months En	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>				
		tember 30,	June 30,	September 30,			Septembe	r 30,
(Dollars in thousands)		2015	2015		2014		2015	2014
Fiduciary	\$	1,780 \$	1,838	\$	1,346	\$	5,110 \$	4,109
Brokerage		717	706		530		1,978	1,547
Total trust and investment income	\$	2,497 \$	2,544	\$	1,876	\$	7,088 \$	5,656

(Dollars in thousands)	Sej	otember 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	D	ecember 31, 2014	September 30, 2014
Trust assets under management	\$	1,261,112 \$	1,303,792	\$ 1,319,42	3 \$	1,022,189	\$ 999,822
Brokerage assets under management		556,242	576,412	501,63	5	525,089	511,400
Total managed assets	\$	1,817,354 \$	1,880,204	\$ 1,821,05	8 \$	1,547,278	\$ 1,511,222
Quarterly average	\$	1,861,070 \$	1,864,579	\$ 1,622,28	7 \$	1,540,246	\$ 1,520,615

The decrease in revenues and assets under management during the third quarter was due to excess market volatility. During 2015, trust assets under management increased compared to the prior year, mainly due to the NB&T acquisition, which also contributed to the overall increase in trust and investment income during the nine months of 2015 compared to the year-to-date 2014. In recent years, Peoples added experienced financial advisors in underserved market areas, and generated new business and revenue related to retirement plans for which it manages the assets and provides services.

Peoples' electronic banking services include ATM and debit cards, direct deposit services, internet and mobile banking, and remote deposit capture, and serve as alternative delivery channels to traditional sales offices for providing services to clients. During the third quarter of 2015, compared to the linked quarter, electronic banking income decreased 3% and compared to the prior year third quarter grew 32%. The growth in electronic banking income was primarily due to an increase in the volume of debit card transactions and ATM surcharges.

Mortgage banking income decreased 49% compared to the linked quarter, and 37% compared to the prior year third quarter due to decreased sales of loans to the secondary market, which was driven by mortgage interest rates available and customers' preference for long-term, fixed-rate loans. In the third quarter of 2015, Peoples sold approximately \$8.5 million of loans to the secondary market compared to \$19.7 million in the second quarter of 2015 and \$14.5 million in the third quarter of 2014. For the nine months of 2015, Peoples sold approximately \$41.1 million compared to \$33.6 million in the first nine months of 2014.

## **Non-Interest Expense**

Salaries and employee benefit costs remain Peoples' largest non-interest expense, accounting for approximately one-half of total non-interest expense. The following table details Peoples' salaries and employee benefit costs:

		Three	Nine Months Ended					
		otember 30,	June 30,	September 30,	 September 30,			
(Dollars in thousands)		2015	2015	2014	2015	2014		
Base salaries and wages	\$	9,778 \$	10,080	\$ 7,371	\$ 32,131 \$	20,921		
Sales-based and incentive compensation		1,422	1,725	2,116	4,975	5,206		
Employee benefits		1,471	1,634	1,344	4,686	4,895		
Stock-based compensation		405	461	428	1,432	1,382		
Deferred personnel costs		(499)	(430)	(344)	(1,186)	(1,063)		
Payroll taxes and other employment costs		995	1,090	752	3,455	2,359		
Total salaries and employee benefit costs	\$	13,572 \$	14,560	\$ 11,667	\$ 45,493 \$	33,700		
Full-time equivalent employees:		,						
Actual at end of period		821	831	643	821	643		
Average during the period		825	838	609	791	575		

For the three months ended September 30, 2015, total salaries and employee benefit costs decreased \$988,000. The decrease was due largely to the decrease of 10 full-time equivalent employees from the linked quarter, the reduction in salesbased and incentive compensation, which are tied to corporate incentive plans and commissions from sales production, and a reduction in the acquisition-related charges. The year-to-date increase relates to severance and retention payouts associated with the NB&T acquisition which were included in base salaries and wages in 2015, coupled with a full year impact related to the associates acquired and retained from acquisitions.

Peoples' net occupancy and equipment expense was comprised of the following:

		Th	re		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>					
	September 30,			June 30,	September 30,			Septem	r 30,	
(Dollars in thousands)	~ -1	2015		2015		2014		2015		2014
Depreciation	\$	1,240	\$	1,139	\$	773	\$	3,341	\$	2,135
Repairs and maintenance costs		766		851		704		2,195		1,612
Net rent expense		203		222		238		636		699
Property taxes, utilities and other costs		631		926		552		2,101		1,376
Total net occupancy and equipment expense	\$	2,840	\$	3,138	\$	2,267	\$	8,273	\$	5,822

Net occupancy and equipment expense decreased during the third quarter of 2015 compared to the linked quarter. The decrease was primarily due to additional expenses incurred for property taxes and costs related to the acquired branches that were recorded in the three months ended June 30, 2015. Net occupancy and equipment expense increased from the prior year third quarter and increased for the year-to-date compared to the prior year. The increases were due to higher depreciation and maintenance costs, coupled with increases in real estate taxes and utilities, due to the expansion of Peoples' footprint as a result of the acquisitions.

Professional fees expense increased year-to-date mainly due to acquisition-related activities and the increase in branch operations. Professional fees incurred as a result of acquisition-related activities were \$1.7 year-to-date 2015 compared to \$1.0 million of acquisition-related professional fees for the nine months of 2014.

Marketing expense decreased \$612,000 from the linked quarter, which was related to the timing of marketing campaigns. The increase year-over-year was the result of the acquisitions and additional marketing in the new markets.

Foreclosed real estate and other loan expense increased year-to-date primarily due to additional loan volume. Average loan balances have increased \$625.5 million from September 30, 2014.

Other non-interest expense has increased substantially year-to-date compared to the first nine months of 2014, primarily driven by acquisition-related costs, which include deconversion costs. For the nine months of 2015, other non-interest expense included \$8.2 million of acquisition-related costs compared to \$1.9 million in the nine months of 2014.

Peoples' efficiency ratio, calculated as non-interest expense less amortization of other intangible assets divided by FTE net interest income plus non-interest income, was 65.81% for the third quarter of 2015, lower than the prior quarter of 74.20% and the prior year third quarter of 77.82%. The decrease was primarily due to a reduction in total other expenses. Management continues to target an efficiency ratio of 65% absent acquisition-related costs and other non-core charges, such as pension settlement charges.

# **Income Tax Expense**

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, Peoples recorded income tax expense of \$3.5 million, which included the tax impact of acquisition-related costs that are not tax deductible of approximately \$165,000. Peoples' current estimate of the tax rate for the entire year of 2015 is between 29.0% and 30.0%. In comparison, Peoples recorded income tax expense of \$5.5 million for the same period in 2014, for an effective tax rate of 30.5%.

## **Pre-Provision Net Revenue**

Pre-provision net revenue ("PPNR") has become a key financial measure used by federal bank regulatory agencies when assessing the capital adequacy of financial institutions. PPNR is defined as net interest income plus non-interest income minus non-interest expense and, therefore, excludes the provision for loan losses and all gains and losses included in earnings. As a result, PPNR represents the earnings capacity that can be either retained in order to build capital or used to absorb unexpected losses and preserve existing capital.

The following table provides a reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial measure to the amounts reported in Peoples' consolidated financial statements for the periods presented:

		Th	ree	Months En			<b>Nine Months Ended</b>				
	Se	ptember 30,		June 30,	Se	ptember 30,		Septen	nbei	30,	
(Dollars in thousands)		2015		2015	2014		2015			2014	
Pre-Provision Net Revenue:											
Income before income taxes	\$	5,504	\$	7,144	\$	5,908	\$	11,808	\$	17,893	
Add: provision for loan losses		5,837		672				6,859		211	
Add: loss on debt extinguishment		_		_		_		520		_	
Add: net loss on loans held-for-sale and OREO		50		73		_		131		_	
Add: net loss on securities transactions		_		_		_		_		30	
Add: net loss on other assets		1		63		185		639		379	
Less: recovery of loan losses		_		_		380		_		_	
Less: net gain on debt extinguishment		_		_		67		_		67	
Less: net gain on loans held-for-sale and OREO		_				9				27	
Less: net gain on securities transactions		62		11		124		673		190	
Pre-provision net revenue	\$	11,330	\$	7,941	\$	5,513	\$	19,284	\$	18,229	
Total average assets	\$	3,209,693	\$	3,219,923	\$	2,277,248	\$	3,068,464	\$ 2	2,140,180	
Pre-provision net revenue to total average assets (a)		1.40%	)	0.99%	ó	0.96%		0.84%	ó	1.14%	

<sup>(</sup>a) Presented on an annualized basis.

The third quarter of 2015 PPNR was higher than both the linked quarter and the third quarter of 2014 due largely to the increase in revenue as a result of the acquisitions completed. On a year-to-date basis, PPNR to average total assets has declined due mainly to the increase in non-interest expenses.

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# **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

At September 30, 2015, Peoples' interest-bearing deposits in other banks decreased from December 31, 2014, as excess cash was utilized to purchase additional investments and fund loan growth. These balances included \$1.8 million of excess cash reserves being maintained at the Federal Reserve Bank at September 30, 2015, compared to \$63.5 million at June 30, 2015 and \$12.4 million at December 31, 2014. The amount of excess cash reserves maintained is dependent upon Peoples' daily liquidity position, which is driven primarily by changes in deposit and loan balances.

Through nine months of 2015, Peoples' total cash and cash equivalents increased \$2.3 million, as cash provided by operating and investing activities of \$31.1 million and \$39.2 million, respectively, exceeded cash used in financing activities totaling \$68.0 million. The increase in cash provided by Peoples' investing activities was primarily due to the \$97.3 million contributed by the NB&T acquisition. Peoples' financing activities reflected declines of \$31.3 million in deposits and net payments of \$28.8 million on long-term borrowings.

Through nine months of 2014, Peoples' total cash and cash equivalents increased \$12.2 million, as cash provided by operating activities totaling \$19.4 million and cash provided by financing activities of \$14.7 million, was partially offset by cash used in investing activities of \$22.0 million. Within Peoples' investing activities, the \$68.0 million of net loan growth exceeded the \$34.4 million generated by activities related to available-for-sale securities. Peoples' financing activities included \$83.3 million of cash generated by increases in non-interest-bearing deposits and proceeds from issuance of common shares, while \$61.0 million of cash was used as short-term borrowings and interest-bearing deposits decreased.

Further information regarding the management of Peoples' liquidity position can be found later in this discussion under "Interest Rate Sensitivity and Liquidity."

## **Investment Securities**

The following table provides information regarding Peoples' investment portfolio:

(Dollars in thousands)	Sep	tember 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	]	March 31, 2015	De	ecember 31, 2014	Sej	ptember 30, 2014
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value	e:								
Obligations of:									
U.S. Treasury and government agencies	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	1	\$	7
U.S. government sponsored agencies		2,993	3,934		5,488		5,950		8,689
States and political subdivisions		115,249	114,213		118,447		64,743		64,048
Residential mortgage-backed securities		639,327	579,701		597,232		527,291		518,159
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		24,348	27,200		28,241		27,847		27,542
Bank-issued trust preferred securities		4,776	4,668		5,649		5,645		8,194
Equity securities		6,592	6,504		5,765		5,403		5,188
Total fair value	\$	793,285	\$ 736,220	\$	760,822	\$	636,880	\$	631,827
Total amortized cost	\$	780,609	\$ 730,632	\$	748,622	\$	632,967	\$	631,500
Net unrealized gain	\$	12,676	\$ 5,588	\$	12,200	\$	3,913	\$	327
Held-to-maturity securities, at amortized	l cost	:							
Obligations of:									
States and political subdivisions	\$	3,833	\$ 3,836	\$	3,838	\$	3,841	\$	3,843
Residential mortgage-backed securities		35,712	36,084		36,564		36,945		37,316
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		6,854	7,563		7,643		7,682		7,724
Total amortized cost	\$	46,399	\$ 47,483	\$	48,045	\$	48,468	\$	48,883
<b>Total investment portfolio:</b>									
Amortized cost	\$	827,008	\$ 778,115	\$	796,667	\$	681,435	\$	680,383
Carrying value	\$	839,684	\$ 783,703	\$	808,867	\$	685,348	\$	680,710

The increase in residential mortgage-backed securities during the third quarter was due to the strategies executed early in the quarter to deploy excess cash into the investment portfolio, which was offset partially by normal principle pay downs, as well as calls on securities. In the first quarter of 2015, Peoples acquired available-for-sale investment securities in the NB&T

acquisition totaling approximately \$156.4 million after preliminary acquisition accounting adjustments, and subsequently sold approximately \$42.2 million of the acquired investment securities. At September 30, 2015, the investment portfolio was 27.2% of total assets compared to 27.8% at year-end and 29.1% a year ago. In recent quarters, Peoples has maintained the size of the held-to-maturity securities portfolio, for which the unrealized gain or loss does not directly impact stockholders' equity, in contrast to the impact from the available-for-sale securities portfolio.

Peoples' investment in residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities largely consists of securities either guaranteed by the U.S. government or issued by U.S. government sponsored agencies, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The remaining portions of Peoples' mortgage-backed securities consist of securities issued by other entities, including other financial institutions, which are not guaranteed by the U.S. government.

The amount of these "non-agency" securities included in the residential mortgage-backed securities totals above was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	 ember 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	D	ecember 31, 2014	Se	ptember 30, 2014
Total fair value	\$ 6,556	\$ 8,351	\$ 14,266	\$	14,058	\$	15,748
Total amortized cost	\$ 6,546	\$ 8,322	\$ 13,871	\$	13,604	\$	15,191
Net unrealized gain	\$ 10	\$ 29	\$ 395	\$	454	\$	557

Management continues to reinvest the principal runoff from the non-agency securities into U.S. agency investments, which accounted for the decline experienced in the second and third quarters of 2015, coupled with \$3.3 million being called in the second quarter of 2015. The increase in non-agency securities during the first quarter of 2015 was due to the NB&T acquisition. At September 30, 2015, Peoples' non-agency portfolio consisted entirely of first lien residential mortgages, with nearly all of the underlying loans in these securities originated prior to 2004 and possessing fixed interest rates. Management continues to monitor the non-agency portfolio closely for leading indicators of increasing stress and will continue to be proactive in taking actions to mitigate such risk when necessary.

**Loans**The following table provides information regarding outstanding loan balances:

(Dollars in thousands)	Se	eptember 30, 2015		June 30, 2015		March 31, 2015	D	December 31, 2014		ptember 30, 2014
Gross originated loans:										
Commercial real estate, construction	\$	68,798	\$	50,168	\$	44,276	\$	37,901	\$	25,244
Commercial real estate, other		429,120		449,163		429,541		434,660		442,710
Commercial real estate		497,918		499,331		473,817		472,561		467,954
Commercial and industrial		288,697		256,080		247,103		249,975		228,297
Residential real estate		282,863		263,095		256,551		254,169		254,610
Home equity lines of credit		71,620		67,384		63,491		62,463		60,221
Consumer		213,394		196,306		176,857		169,913		164,851
Deposit account overdrafts		1,317		3,263		3,146		2,933		2,669
Total originated loans	\$	1,355,809	\$	1,285,459	\$	1,220,965	\$	1,212,014	\$	1,178,602
Gross acquired loans:										
Commercial real estate, construction		12,278		11,220		9,759		1,051		633
Commercial real estate, other		281,510		293,369		311,868		121,475		101,218
Commercial real estate		293,788		304,589		321,627		122,526		101,851
Commercial and industrial		68,759		71,013		78,807		30,056		33,187
Residential real estate		288,269		302,673		317,824		225,274		156,479
Home equity lines of credit		34,147		36,607		38,222		18,232		15,013
Consumer		9,473		11,692		13,724		12,796		14,622
Total acquired loans (a)	\$	694,436	\$	726,574	\$	770,204	\$	408,884	\$	321,152
Total loans	\$	2,050,245	\$	2,012,033	\$	1,991,169	\$	1,620,898	\$	1,499,754
Percent of loans to total loans:										
Commercial real estate, construction		4.0%	ó	3.1 %	<b>6</b>	2.7 %	o	2.4 %	)	1.7 %
Commercial real estate, other		34.5 %		36.8%	<b>%</b>	37.2 %		34.2 %	)	36.3 %
Commercial real estate		38.5 %	ó	39.9%	<b>6</b>	39.9%	o	36.6%	)	38.0 %
Commercial and industrial		17.4%	ó	16.3 %	<b>6</b>	16.4%	o o	17.3 %	)	17.4 %
Residential real estate		27.9 %	ó	28.1 %	<b>6</b>	28.8 %	o o	29.6%	)	27.4 %
Home equity lines of credit		5.2 %	ó	5.2 %	<b>%</b>	5.1 %	o o	5.0%	)	5.0%
Consumer		10.9 %		10.3 %		9.6%	o	11.3 %		12.0%
Deposit account overdrafts		0.1 %	ó	0.2 %	<b>6</b>	0.2 %	o	0.2 %	, )	0.2 %
Total percentage		100.0%	o O	100.0%	<b>6</b>	100.0%		100.0%		100.0%
Residential real estate loans being serviced for others	\$	387,200	\$	392,625	\$	386,261	\$	352,779	\$	343,659

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes all loans acquired in 2012 and thereafter.

Total originated loans increased \$70.4 million, or 5%, from the linked quarter due mainly to growth in commercial real estate, construction, commercial and industrial, and residential real estate loan balances, which grew 37%, 13% and 8%, respectively. Consumer loan balances, which consist mostly of loans to finance automobile purchases, have continued to increase in recent quarters due largely to Peoples placing greater emphasis on its consumer lending activity. At March 31, 2015, the loans acquired from NB&T added approximately \$8.4 million of construction loans, \$197.2 million of commercial real estate loans, \$48.3 million of commercial and industrial loans, \$103.4 million of residential real estate loans, \$21.9 million of home equity lines of credit and \$2.8 million of consumer loans after acquisition accounting adjustments. At September 30, 2015, acquired loans experienced a decline as commercial real estate loans decreased \$11.9 million and residential real estate loans decreased \$14.4 million, due to payoffs and normal principal payments.

## **Loan Concentration**

Peoples categorizes its commercial loans according to standard industry classifications and monitors for concentrations in a single industry or multiple industries that could be impacted by changes in economic conditions in a similar manner. Peoples' commercial lending activities continue to be spread over a diverse range of businesses from all sectors of the economy, with no single industry comprising over 10% of Peoples' total loan portfolio.

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Loans secured by commercial real estate, including commercial construction loans, continue to comprise the largest portion of Peoples' loan portfolio. The following table provides information regarding the largest concentrations of commercial real estate loans within the loan portfolio at September 30, 2015:

(Dollars in thousands)	tstanding Balance	Loan Commitments	Total Exposure	% of Total
Commercial real estate, construction:				
Apartment complexes	\$ 30,411	\$ 40,869	\$ 71,280	47.2 %
Mixed commercial use facilities:				
Owner occupied	670		670	0.4 %
Non-owner occupied	2,279	10,839	13,118	8.7 %
Total mixed commercial use facilities	2,949	10,839	13,788	9.1 %
Residential property	7,062	3,510	10,572	7.0 %
Assisted living facilities and nursing homes	7,731	2,187	9,918	6.6 %
Office buildings and complexes:				
Owner occupied	1,060	771	1,831	1.2 %
Non-owner occupied	4,343	1,793	6,136	4.1 %
Total office buildings and complexes	5,403	2,564	7,967	5.3 %
Day care facilities - owner occupied	2,937	2,474	5,411	3.6 %
Retail facilities	3,131	1,714	4,845	3.2 %
Restaurant facilities - owner occupied	2,957	_	2,957	2.0 %
Land Development	1,258	2,468	3,726	2.5 %
Other	17,237	3,175	20,412	13.5 %
Total commercial real estate, construction	\$ 81,076	\$ 69,800	\$ 150,876	100.0%

(Dollars in thousands)	itstanding Balance	Loan Commitments	Total Exposure	% of Total
Commercial real estate, other:	 			
Office buildings and complexes:				
Owner occupied	\$ 20,091	\$ 483	\$ 20,574	2.8 %
Non-owner occupied	42,492	60	42,552	5.8 %
Total office buildings and complexes	62,583	543	63,126	8.6%
Apartment complexes	61,279	52	61,331	8.4 %
Retail facilities:				
Owner occupied	20,290	405	20,695	2.8 %
Non-owner occupied	30,050	<del></del>	30,050	4.1 %
Total retail facilities	50,340	405	50,745	6.9 %
Mixed commercial use facilities:				
Owner occupied	22,142	4,366	26,508	3.6%
Non-owner occupied	23,151	105	23,256	3.2 %
Total mixed commercial use facilities	45,293	4,471	49,764	6.8 %
Assisted living facilities and nursing homes	43,897	349	44,246	6.2 %
Lodging and lodging related	41,664		41,664	5.7 %
Light industrial facilities:				
Owner occupied	30,521	34	30,555	4.2 %
Non-owner occupied	2,952	_	2,952	0.4 %
Total light industrial facilities	33,473	34	33,507	4.6%
Warehouse facilities	18,568	261	18,829	2.6%
Residential property:				
Owner occupied	1,059	693	1,752	0.2 %
Non-owner occupied	13,594	1,859	15,453	2.1 %
Total residential facilities	14,653	2,552	17,205	2.3 %
Restaurant facilities:				
Owner occupied	13,514	35	13,549	1.9 %
Non-owner occupied	1,288	_	1,288	0.2 %
Total restaurant facilities	14,802	35	14,837	2.1 %
Other	324,078	9,473	333,551	45.8 %
Total commercial real estate, other	\$ 710,630	\$ 18,175	\$ 728,805	100.0%

Peoples' commercial lending activities continue to focus on lending opportunities inside its primary and secondary market areas within Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. In all other states, the aggregate outstanding balances of commercial loans in each state were less than \$4.0 million at both September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

#### Allowance for Loan Losses

The amount of the allowance for loan losses at the end of each period represents management's estimate of expected losses from existing loans based upon its quarterly analysis of the loan portfolio. While this process involves allocations being made to specific loans and pools of loans, the entire allowance is available for all losses incurred within the loan portfolio. The following details management's allocation of the allowance for loan losses:

(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	September 30, 2014
Commercial real estate	7,506	7,185	9,074	9,825	10,546
Commercial and industrial	11,486	7,194	5,107	4,036	3,228
Total commercial	18,992	14,379	14,181	13,861	13,774
Residential real estate	1,182	1,299	1,560	1,627	1,765
Home equity lines of credit	777	738	708	694	658
Consumer	1,820	1,674	1,512	1,587	1,231
Deposit account overdrafts	154	154	127	112	128
Purchase Credit Impaired loan losses	303	<del></del>		<del>_</del>	_
Nonimpaired acquired loans	103	_	_	_	_
Total allowance for loan losses	\$ 23,331	\$ 18,244	\$ 18,088	\$ 17,881	\$ 17,556
As a percent of originated loans, net of deferred fees and costs	1.72%	1.42%	6 1.48%	6 1.48%	1.49%

The significant allocations to commercial loans reflect the higher credit risk associated with this type of lending and the size of this loan category in relationship to the entire loan portfolio. The reduction in the allowance for loan losses allocated to commercial real estate, and the related recovery of loan losses recorded during 2015 compared to 2014, was driven by net recoveries in recent years reducing the historical loss rates. The increase in commercial and industrial loans for the third quarter was related to a specific reserve for one commercial relationship, increased criticized assets due to four large commercial real estate loans being downgraded during the quarter, and portfolio growth. The changes in the residential real estate, home equity lines of credit and consumer categories of the allowance for loan losses and the related provision for originated loan losses recorded during 2015 were driven by net charge-off activity and increases in the size of the respective loan portfolios.

As a percentage of total loans plus OREO, nonperforming assets were 1.29% at September 30, 2015, compared to 1.25% at June 30, 2015 and 0.68% at September 30, 2014. Net charge-offs, while still below Peoples' historical rate of 30 to 40 basis points, increased during the quarter as Peoples recorded net charge-offs of \$750,000, resulting in an annualized net charge-off rate of 15 basis points. These factors have a direct impact on the estimated loss rates used to determine the allocations of allowance for loan losses for commercial loans. Criticized assets, which are those classified as watch, substandard or doubtful, increased during the quarter largely due to four large commercial real estate loans being downgraded during the quarter.

The allowance allocated to the residential real estate and consumer loan categories is based upon Peoples' allowance methodology for homogeneous pools of loans. The fluctuations in these allocations have been directionally consistent with the changes in loan quality, loss experience and loan balances in these categories.

The following table summarizes Peoples' net charge-offs and recoveries:

	Three Months Ended										
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	September 30, 2014						
Gross charge-offs:			'								
Commercial real estate, construction	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —						
Commercial real estate, other	137	34	10	77	126						
Commercial real estate	137	34	10	77	126						
Commercial and industrial	83	343	_	150	_						
Residential real estate	255	96	186	101	105						
Home equity lines of credit	35	23	58	77	6						
Consumer	387	295	187	350	289						
Deposit account overdrafts	243	180	143	165	150						
Total gross charge-offs	1,140	971	584	920	676						
Recoveries:											
Commercial real estate, construction	<del></del>	_		<del></del>	_						
Commercial real estate, other	24	82	55	947	905						
Commercial real estate	24	82	55	947	905						
Commercial and industrial	_	81	12	9	9						
Residential real estate	47	46	115	<del></del>	52						
Home equity lines of credit	27	65	15	16	8						
Consumer	251	146	186	124	222						
Deposit account overdrafts	41	35	58	21	32						
Total recoveries	390	455	441	1,117	1,228						
Net charge-offs (recoveries):											
Commercial real estate, construction	_		_	_	_						
Commercial real estate, other	113	(48)	(45)	(870)	(779)						
Commercial real estate	113	(48)	(45)	(870)	(779)						
Commercial and industrial	83	262	(12)	141	(9)						
Residential real estate	208	50	71	101	53						
Home equity lines of credit	8	(42)	43	61	(2)						
Consumer	136	149	1	226	67						
Deposit account overdrafts	202	145	85	144	118						
Total net charge-offs (recoveries)	\$ 750	\$ 516	\$ 143	\$ (197)	\$ (552)						
Ratio of net charge-offs (recoveries) to	Ü	`									
Commercial real estate, construction	<b>-</b> %										
Commercial real estate, other	0.02 %	` /		,							
Commercial real estate	0.02 %	` /	, ,	` /							
Commercial and industrial	0.02 %										
Residential real estate	0.04 %										
Home equity lines of credit	_%	` /									
Consumer	0.03 %										
Deposit account overdrafts	0.04%										
Total	0.15%	0.10 %	<b>6</b> 0.03 %	6 (0.05)%	(0.15)%						

The following table details Peoples' nonperforming assets:

(Dollars in thousands)	Sep	tember 30, 2015	•	June 30, 2015	I	March 31, 2015	De	cember 31, 2014	Sep	otember 30, 2014
Loans 90+ days past due and accruing:										
Commercial real estate, other	\$	834	\$	984	\$	2,146	\$	567	\$	1,406
Commercial and industrial		1,674		488		408		301		279
Residential real estate		1,223		1,651		1,096		1,901		879
Home equity		10		17		47		20		_
Consumer		19		25		3		10		1
Total		3,760		3,165		3,700		2,799		2,565
Nonaccrual loans:										
Commercial real estate, construction		_		_		96		_		_
Commercial real estate, other		2,306		1,756		1,890		2,278		2,014
Commercial and industrial		157		14,089		1,532		1,800		500
Residential real estate		3,046		3,113		2,931		2,695		2,633
Home equity		287		373		382		315		240
Consumer		31		34		_		3		_
Total		5,827		19,365		6,831		7,091		5,387
Troubled debt restructurings:										
Commercial real estate, construction		_		_		_		96		96
Commercial real estate, other		337		242		275		306		339
Commercial and industrial		13,854		196		196		194		_
Residential real estate		995		917		977		658		465
Home equity		82		84		69		45		35
Consumer		49		19		14		16		
Total		15,317		1,458		1,531		1,315		935
Total nonperforming loans (NPLs)		24,904		23,988		12,062		11,205		8,887
OREO										
Commercial		1,476		1,143		1,143		582		582
Residential		90		179		405		364		463
Total		1,566		1,322		1,548		946		1,045
Total nonperforming assets (NPAs)	\$	26,470	\$	25,310	\$	13,610	\$	12,151	\$	9,932
NPLs as a percent of total loans		1.21%		1.19%	, )	0.60%	)	0.69%		0.61%
NPAs as a percent of total assets		0.82%		0.79%	, )	0.42%	)	0.47%		0.42%
NPAs as a percent of total loans and OREO		1.29%		1.25%	, )	0.68%	)	0.75%		0.68%
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of NPLs		93.68%		76.05%	ò	149.96%	)	159.58%		192.71%

The increase of \$1.1 million in nonperforming loans during the third quarter was primarily due to the increase in loans 90+ days past due and accruing, which was mainly the result of two loans. The increase in nonperforming loans during the second quarter was due to one large commercial relationship, comprised of four commercial and industrial loan balances, being placed on nonaccrual status. These loans were restructured in the third quarter of 2015 and moved from nonaccrual status to TDR status. During the first quarter of 2015, commercial real estate loans reported as loans 90+ days past due and accruing increased primarily due to a single loan that was previously acquired and several loans acquired from NB&T. The increase in OREO during the third quarter of 2015 was due to the purchase of a commercial property at a trustee sale; while the increase during the first quarter of 2015 was due to properties acquired as part of the NB&T acquisition.

**Deposits** 

The following table details Peoples' deposit balances:

(Dollars in thousands)	Sep	otember 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		Sep	otember 30, 2014
Interest-bearing deposits:									
Retail certificates of deposit	\$	461,398 \$	480,687	\$	494,896	\$	432,563	\$	408,868
Money market deposit accounts		393,472	395,788		402,257		337,387		309,721
Governmental deposit accounts		293,889	304,221		316,104		161,305		183,213
Savings accounts		404,676	410,371		406,276		295,307		262,949
Interest-bearing demand accounts		232,354	234,025		228,373		173,659		156,867
Total retail interest-bearing deposits		1,785,789	1,825,092		1,847,906		1,400,221		1,321,618
Brokered certificates of deposits		33,841	38,123		38,104		39,691		39,671
Total interest-bearing deposits		1,819,630	1,863,215		1,886,010		1,439,912		1,361,289
Non-interest-bearing deposits		711,226	681,357		695,131		493,162		500,330
Total deposits	\$	2,530,856	2,544,572	\$	2,581,141	\$	1,933,074	\$	1,861,619

All interest-bearing deposit types decreased in the third quarter of 2015, compared to the linked quarter, with the largest decreases in certificates of deposits and governmental deposits. The decline in governmental deposits was attributable to one customer moving its funds to a third-party investment advisor. Commercial non-interest bearing checking accounts accounted for all of the increase in non-interest-bearing deposits due mainly to one large customer maintaining a higher than normal balance on September 30, 2015.

The decrease in governmental deposit accounts during the second and third quarters was due to normal seasonal declines, as the balances typically increase annually during the first quarter. Peoples also maintained its deposit strategy of growing low-cost core deposits, such as checking and savings accounts, and reducing its reliance on higher-cost, non-core deposits, such as retail certificates of deposit ("CDs") and brokered deposits. These actions accounted for much of the changes in deposit balances over the last several quarters. The increase in deposit balances during the first quarter was due to the acquisition of NB&T, which included CDs totaling \$81.9 million, money market deposit accounts of \$74.0 million, governmental deposit accounts of \$120.9 million, savings accounts of \$94.2 million, interest-bearing demand accounts of \$56.3 million and non-interest-bearing deposits of \$179.7 million at March 31, 2015.

## **Borrowed Funds**

The following table details Peoples' short-term and long-term borrowings:

(Dollars in thousands)	Sep	tember 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	N	1arch 31, 2015	De	cember 31, 2014	Sep	tember 30, 2014
Short-term borrowings:									
FHLB advances	\$	40,000	\$ 	\$	_	\$	15,000	\$	_
Retail repurchase agreements		89,165	92,711		91,101		73,277		71,897
Total short-term borrowings		129,165	92,711		91,101		88,277		71,897
Long-term borrowings:									
FHLB advances		69,715	70,018		70,313		124,714		101,890
National market repurchase agreements		40,000	40,000		40,000		40,000		40,000
Term note payable (parent company)		_	11,978		13,174		14,369		15,564
Subordinated debt		6,685	6,637		6,587		_		_
Total long-term borrowings		116,400	128,633		130,074		179,083		157,454
Total borrowed funds	\$	245,565	\$ 221,344	\$	221,175	\$	267,360	\$	229,351

Peoples' short-term FHLB advances generally consist of overnight borrowings being maintained in connection with the management of Peoples' daily liquidity position. Peoples repaid the term loan payable under the Amended Loan Agreement as described in Note 5 - Long-Term Borrowings of the Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-Q. The term loan had principal balance of \$12.0 million and was repaid on July 24, 2015. There were no early termination fees associated with the repayment.

## Capital/Stockholders' Equity

During the first quarter of 2015, Peoples issued common shares (representing \$76.0 million) in partial consideration for the NB&T acquisition, and the remaining consideration was paid in cash. At September 30, 2015, capital levels for both Peoples and Peoples Bank remained substantially higher than the minimum amounts needed to be considered "well capitalized" institutions under applicable banking regulations. These higher capital levels reflect Peoples' desire to maintain strong capital positions to provide greater flexibility to grow the company. Also during the first quarter of 2015, Peoples adopted the new Basel III regulatory capital framework, as approved by the federal banking agencies. The adoption of this new framework modified the calculations and well capitalized thresholds of the current capital ratios and added the new Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio. Additionally, under the new rules, in order to avoid limitations on capital distributions, including dividend payments, Peoples must hold a capital conservation buffer above the adequately capitalized Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio. The capital conservation buffer is being phased in from 0.00% for 2015 to 2.50% by 2019.

The following table details Peoples' actual risk-based capital levels and corresponding ratios:

(Dollars in thousands)	Se	ptember 30, 2015		June 30, 2015		March 31, 2015	D	ecember 31, 2014	Se	ptember 30, 2014
Capital Amounts:										
Common Equity Tier 1	\$	287,020	\$	276,346	\$	281,249		N/A		N/A
Tier 1		293,705		282,982		287,835		241,707		232,720
Total (Tier 1 and Tier 2)		319,277		303,439		307,795		261,371		251,977
Net risk-weighted assets	\$	2,132,453	\$	2,023,844	\$	2,046,183	\$	1,687,968	\$	1,601,664
Capital Ratios:										
Common Equity Tier 1		13.46%	)	13.65%	, )	13.75%	ó	N/A		N/A
Tier 1		13.77%	,	13.98%	, )	14.07%	ó	14.32%	, )	14.53%
Total (Tier 1 and Tier 2)		14.97%	)	14.99%	)	15.04%	Ó	15.48%	, )	15.73%
Leverage ratio		9.57%	,	9.22%	)	10.98%	Ó	9.92%	, )	10.64%

In addition to traditional capital measurements, management uses tangible capital measures to evaluate the adequacy of Peoples' stockholders' equity. Such ratios represent non-GAAP financial information since their calculation removes the impact of intangible assets acquired through acquisitions on the Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets. Management believes this information is useful to investors since it facilitates the comparison of Peoples' operating performance, financial condition and trends to peers, especially those without a similar level of intangible assets to that of Peoples. Further, intangible assets generally are difficult to convert into cash, especially during a financial crisis, and could decrease substantially in value should there be deterioration in the overall franchise value. As a result, tangible equity represents a conservative measure of the capacity for a company to incur losses but remain solvent.

The following table reconciles the calculation of these non-GAAP financial measures to amounts reported in Peoples' Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements:

(Dollars in thousands)	Se	eptember 30, 2015		June 30, 2015		March 31, 2015	D	ecember 31, 2014	Se	eptember 30, 2014
Tangible Equity:										
Total stockholders' equity, as reported	\$	424,760	\$	418,164	\$	419,218	\$	340,118	\$	319,282
Less: goodwill and other intangible assets		151,339		151,169		152,291		109,158		100,016
Tangible equity	\$	273,421	\$	266,995	\$	266,927	\$	230,960	\$	219,266
Tangible Assets:										
Total assets, as reported	\$	3,228,830	\$	3,210,425	\$	3,253,835	\$	2,567,769	\$	2,432,903
Less: goodwill and other intangible assets		151,339		151,169		152,291		109,158		100,016
Tangible assets	\$	3,077,491	\$	3,059,256	\$	3,101,544	\$	2,458,611	\$	2,332,887
Tangible Book Value per Common Sha		252 421	Ф	266.005	Φ.	266.025	Φ.	220.060	ф	210.266
Tangible equity	\$	273,421	\$	266,995	\$	266,927	\$	230,960	\$	219,266
Common shares outstanding		18,400,809		18,391,575		18,374,256		14,836,727		14,150,279
Tangible book value per common share	\$	14.86	\$	14.52	\$	14.53	\$	15.57	\$	15.50
Tangible Equity to Tangible Assets Rat	tio:									
Tangible equity	\$	273,421	\$	266,995	\$	266,927	\$	230,960	\$	219,266
Tangible assets	\$	3,077,491	\$	3,059,256	\$	3,101,544	\$	2,458,611	\$	2,332,887
Tangible equity to tangible assets		8.88%		8.73%	<b>o</b>	8.61%	o o	9.39%	)	9.40%

The increase in the tangible equity to tangible assets ratio at September 30, 2015 compared to the ratio at June 30, 2015 was due mainly to the increase in tangible equity. Tangible equity increased during the quarter largely as a result of the increase in market value of Peoples' available-for-sale investment portfolio coupled with current year-to-date earnings.

The increase in the tangible equity to tangible assets ratio at June 30, 2015 compared to the ratio at March 31, 2015 was due mainly to the decrease in tangible assets. Tangible assets declined during the quarter largely as a result of the cash balance decreasing, which corresponded to the decline in deposit balances. The decrease in the tangible equity to tangible assets ratio during the first quarter of 2015 compared to the ratio at December 31, 2014 was primarily caused by the NB&T acquisition, which increased all components of the ratio.

Compared to the prior year third quarter, increases in stockholders' equity were driven primarily by issuances of equity in connection with acquisitions, and earnings exceeding dividends, while higher tangible assets were attributable to loan growth and acquisitions.

# **Interest Rate Sensitivity and Liquidity**

While Peoples is exposed to various business risks, the risks relating to interest rate sensitivity and liquidity are major risks that can materially impact future results of operations and financial condition due to their complexity and dynamic nature. The objective of Peoples' asset/liability management ("ALM") function is to measure and manage these risks in order to optimize net interest income within the constraints of prudent capital adequacy, liquidity and safety. This objective requires Peoples to focus on interest rate risk exposure and adequate liquidity through its management of the mix of assets and liabilities, their related cash flows, and the rates earned and paid on those assets and liabilities. Ultimately, the ALM function is intended to guide management in the acquisition and disposition of earning assets, and selection of appropriate funding sources.

## Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk ("IRR") is one of the most significant risks arising in the normal course of business of financial services companies like Peoples. IRR is the potential for economic loss due to future interest rate changes that can impact the earnings stream as well as market values of financial assets and liabilities. Peoples' exposure to IRR is due

primarily to differences in the maturity or repricing of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. In addition, other factors, such as prepayments of loans and investment securities, or early withdrawal of deposits, can expose Peoples to IRR and increase interest costs or reduce revenue streams.

Peoples has assigned overall management of IRR to its Asset-Liability Committee (the "ALCO"), which has established an IRR management policy that sets minimum requirements and guidelines for monitoring and managing the level and amount of IRR. The methods used by the ALCO to assess IRR remain unchanged from those disclosed in Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K.

The following table shows the estimated changes in net interest income and the economic value of equity based upon a standard, parallel shock analysis (dollars in thousands):

Increase in Interest Rate			stimated I Net Interes	-			Estimated Decrease in Economic Value of Equity							
(in Basis Points)	Se	ptember	30, 2015	D	ecember 31	, 2014	S	eptember :	30, 2015	D	ecember 3	1, 2014		
300	\$	4,651	4.8%	\$	5,600	7.3%	\$	(81,911)	(14.4)%	\$	(66,730)	(15.7)%		
200		4,159	4.3%		4,848	6.3%		(52,436)	(9.2)%		(41,537)	(9.8)%		
100		2,840	2.9%		3,235	4.2%		(23,990)	(4.2)%		(18,026)	(4.2)%		

At September 30, 2015, Peoples' Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheet remained positioned for a rising interest rate environment, as illustrated by the potential increase in net interest income shown in the above table. While parallel interest rate shock scenarios are useful in assessing the level of IRR inherent in Peoples' consolidated balance sheet, interest rates typically move in a non-parallel manner, with differences in the timing, direction and magnitude of changes in short-term and long-term interest rates. Thus, any benefit that could occur as a result of the Federal Reserve Board increasing short-term interest rates in future quarters could be offset by an inverse movement in long-term interest rates.

# Liquidity

In addition to IRR management, another major objective of the ALCO is to maintain a sufficient level of liquidity. The methods used by the ALCO to monitor and evaluate the adequacy of Peoples' liquidity position remain unchanged from those disclosed in Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K.

At September 30, 2015, Peoples had liquid assets of \$211.4 million, which represented 6.0% of total assets and unfunded commitments. This amount exceeded the minimal level of \$70.9 million, or 2% of total loans and unfunded commitments, currently required under Peoples' liquidity policy. Peoples also had an additional \$75.6 million of unpledged securities not included in the measurement of liquid assets.

Management believes the current balance of cash and cash equivalents, and anticipated cash flows from the investment portfolio, along with the availability of other funding sources, will allow Peoples to meet anticipated cash obligations, as well as special needs and off-balance sheet commitments.

# Off-Balance Sheet Activities and Contractual Obligations

Peoples routinely engages in activities that involve, to varying degrees, elements of risk that are not reflected in whole or in part in the consolidated financial statements. These activities are part of Peoples' normal course of business and include traditional off-balance sheet credit-related financial instruments, interest rate contracts and commitments to make additional capital contributions in low-income housing tax credit investments. Traditional off-balance sheet credit-related financial instruments continue to represent the most significant off-balance sheet exposure.

The following table details the total contractual amount of loan commitments and standby letters of credit:

(Dollars in thousands)	Sej	otember 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	D	ecember 31, 2014	Se	ptember 30, 2014
Home equity lines of credit	\$	84,613	\$ 84,687	\$ 85,591	\$	62,704	\$	59,549
Unadvanced construction loans		73,715	64,244	74,690		46,781		54,504
Other loan commitments		224,673	216,957	213,698		173,746		152,503
Loan commitments		383,001	365,888	373,979		283,231		266,556
Standby letters of credit	\$	22,494	\$ 22,247	\$ 28,879	\$	30,837	\$	34,570

Management does not anticipate that Peoples' current off-balance sheet activities will have a material impact on its future results of operations and financial condition based on historical experience and recent trends.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The information called for by this Item 3 is provided under the caption "Interest Rate Sensitivity and Liquidity" under "ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION" in this Form 10-Q, and is incorporated herein by reference.

# ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

## **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Peoples' management, with the participation of Peoples' President and Chief Executive Officer and Peoples' Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, has evaluated the effectiveness of Peoples' disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of September 30, 2015. Based upon that evaluation, Peoples' President and Chief Executive Officer and Peoples' Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer have concluded that:

- (a) information required to be disclosed by Peoples in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and other reports Peoples files or submits under the Exchange Act would be accumulated and communicated to Peoples' management, including its President and Chief Executive Officer and its Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure;
- (b) information required to be disclosed by Peoples in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and other reports Peoples files or submits under the Exchange Act would be recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms; and
- (c) Peoples' disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

## **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in Peoples' internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during Peoples' fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2015, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Peoples' internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II**

## ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses or operations, Peoples or one of its subsidiaries may be named as a plaintiff, a defendant, or a party to a legal proceeding or any of their respective properties may be subject to various pending and threatened legal proceedings and various actual and potential claims. In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of such matters, Peoples cannot state what the eventual outcome of any such matters will be; however, based on current knowledge and after consultation with legal counsel, management believes these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity of Peoples.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from those risk factors previously disclosed in "ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS" of Part I of Peoples' 2014 Form 10-K. Those risk factors are not the only risks Peoples faces. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to management or that management currently deems to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect Peoples' business, financial condition and/or operating results.

# ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table details repurchases by Peoples and purchases by "affiliated purchasers" as defined in Rule 10b-18(a) (3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of Peoples' common shares during the three months ended September 30, 2015:

Period	(a) Total Number of Common Shares Purchased	(b) verage Price Paid per mmon Share	(c) Total Number of Common Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)	(d) Maximum Number of Common Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)
July 1 - 31, 2015	255 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 21.61 (2)	_	_
August 1 - 31, 2015	1,061 (2)(3)	\$ 21.68 (2)(3)	_	
September 1 - 30, 2015	(2)(3)	\$ (2)(3)	_	_
Total	1,316	\$ 21.67	_	

- (1) Peoples' Board of Directors has not authorized any stock repurchase plans or programs for 2015.
- (2) Information reported includes 255 common shares and 1,022 common shares purchased in open market transactions during July and August, respectively, by Peoples Bank under the Rabbi Trust Agreement establishing a rabbi trust that holds assets to provide funds for the payment of the benefits under the Peoples Bancorp Inc. Third Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors of Peoples Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries.
- (3) Information reported includes 39 common shares withheld in August to pay income tax or other tax liabilities associated with vested restricted common shares.

# **ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

# **ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

## **ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None

# ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The exhibits required to be filed or furnished with this Form 10-Q are attached hereto or incorporated herein by reference. For a list of such exhibits, see "Exhibit Index" beginning at page 63.

## **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 thereunto duly authorized.

## PEOPLES BANCORP INC.

Date: October 29, 2015 By: /s/ CHARLES W. SULERZYSKI

Charles W. Sulerzyski

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 29, 2015 By: /s/ EDWARD G. SLOANE

Edward G. Sloane

Executive Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

# PEOPLES BANCORP INC. QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Exhibit Number	Description	Exhibit Location
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 21, 2014, between Peoples Bancorp Inc. and Midwest Bancshares, Inc.*	Included as Annex A to the proxy statement/ prospectus which forms a part of the Registration Statement of Peoples Bancorp Inc. ("Peoples") on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-194626)
2.2	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 4, 2014, between Peoples Bancorp Inc. and Ohio Heritage Bancorp, Inc.*	Included as Annex A to the proxy statement/ prospectus which forms a part of Peoples' Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-196872)
2.3	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 21, 2014, as amended, among Peoples Bancorp Inc., Peoples Bank, National Association and North Akron Savings Bank*	Included as Annex A to the proxy statement/ prospectus which forms a part of Peoples' Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-197736)
2.4	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 4, 2014, as amended, between Peoples Bancorp Inc. and NB&T Financial Group, Inc.*	Included as Annex A to the joint proxy statement/ prospectus which forms a part of Peoples' Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-199152)
3.1(a)	Amended Articles of Incorporation of Peoples Bancorp Inc. (as filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on May 3, 1993)	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(a) to Peoples' Registration Statement on Form 8-B filed July 20, 1993 (File No. 0-16772)
3.1(b)	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended Articles of Incorporation of Peoples Bancorp Inc. (as filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on April 22, 1994)	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(a) (2) to Peoples' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997 (File No. 0-16772) ("Peoples' 1997 Form 10-K")
3.1(c)	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended Articles of Incorporation of Peoples Bancorp Inc. (as filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on April 9, 1996)	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(a) (3) to Peoples' 1997 Form 10-K
3.1(d)	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended Articles of Incorporation of Peoples Bancorp Inc. (as filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on April 23, 2003)	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(a) to Peoples' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2003 (File No. 0-16772) ("Peoples' March 31, 2003 Form 10-Q")
3.1(e)	Certificate of Amendment by Shareholders to the Amended Articles of Incorporation of Peoples Bancorp Inc. (as filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on January 22, 2009)	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Peoples' Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on January 23, 2009 (File No. 0-16772)
3.1(f)	Certificate of Amendment by Directors to Articles filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio on January 28, 2009, evidencing adoption of amendments by the Board of Directors of Peoples Bancorp Inc. to Article FOURTH of Amended Articles of Incorporation to establish express terms of Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Shares, Series A, each without par value, of Peoples Bancorp Inc.	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Peoples' Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on February 2, 2009 (File No. 0-16772)
3.1(g)	Amended Articles of Incorporation of Peoples Bancorp Inc. (reflecting all amendments) [For SEC reporting compliance purposes only – not filed with Ohio Secretary of State]	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1(g) to Peoples' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 (File No. 0-16772)
3.2(a)	Code of Regulations of Peoples Bancorp Inc.	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(b) to Peoples' Registration Statement on Form 8-B filed July 20, 1993 (File No. 0-16772)

<sup>\*</sup> Schedules and exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of SEC Regulation S-K. A copy of any omitted schedules or exhibits will be furnished supplementally to the SEC upon its request.

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# PEOPLES BANCORP INC. QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Exhibit Number	Description	Exhibit Location
3.2(b)	Certified Resolutions Regarding Adoption of Amendments to Sections 1.03, 1.04, 1.05, 1.06, 1.08, 1.10, 2.03(C), 2.07, 2.08, 2.10 and 6.02 of the Code of Regulations of Peoples Bancorp Inc. by shareholders on April 10, 2003	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(c) to Peoples' March 31, 2003 Form 10-Q
3.2(c)	Certificate regarding adoption of amendments to Sections 3.01, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.07, 3.08 and 3.11 of the Code of Regulations of Peoples Bancorp Inc. by shareholders on April 8, 2004	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(a) to Peoples' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004 (File No. 0-16772)
3.2(d)	Certificate regarding adoption of amendments to Sections 2.06, 2.07, 3.01 and 3.04 of Peoples Bancorp Inc.'s Code of Regulations by the shareholders on April 13, 2006	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Peoples' Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on April 14, 2006 (File No. 0-16772)
3.2(e)	Certificate regarding adoption of an amendment to Section 2.01 of Peoples Bancorp Inc.'s Code of Regulations by the shareholders on April 22, 2010	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2(e) to Peoples' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A (Amendment No. 1) for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010 (File No. 0-16772) ("Peoples' June 30, 2010 Form 10-Q/A")
3.2(f)	Code of Regulations of Peoples Bancorp Inc. (reflecting all amendments) [For SEC reporting compliance purposes only]	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2(f) to Peoples' June 30, 2010 Form 10-Q/A
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications [President and Chief Executive Officer]	Filed herewith
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications [Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer]	Filed herewith
32	Section 1350 Certifications	Furnished herewith
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document	Submitted electronically herewith #
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document	Submitted electronically herewith #
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document	Submitted electronically herewith #
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document	Submitted electronically herewith #
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document	Submitted electronically herewith #
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document	Submitted electronically herewith #

<sup>#</sup> Attached as Exhibit 101 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015 of Peoples Bancorp Inc. are the following documents formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited) at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014; (iv) Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity (unaudited) for the nine months ended September 30, 2015; (v) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited) for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and (vi) Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.