Columbia Financial, Inc.
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Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This presentation contains financial information presented in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). This presentation also contains certain non-GAAP information that the Company's management uses in its analysis of the Company's financial results, including core net income, core return on average assets, core return on average tangible stockholders' equity, and core efficiency ratio. Specifically, the Company provides measures based on what it believes are its operating earnings on a consistent basis and excludes material non-routine operating items which affect the GAAP reporting of results of operations. The Company's management believes that providing this information to analysts and investors allows them to better understand and evaluate the Company's core financial results for the periods presented. Because non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized, it may not be possible to compare these financial measures with other companies' non-GAAP financial measures having the same or similar names.

The Company also provides measurements and ratios based on tangible stockholders' equity. These measures are commonly utilized by regulators and market analysts to evaluate the Company's financial condition and, therefore, the Company's management believes that such information is useful to investors.

A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures used in this presentation to the most directly comparable GAAP measures is provided in the appendix to this presentation.

2024 Year In Review

- Executed a balance sheet repositioning transaction in order to improve earnings in future years and expand net interest margin.
  - The Company sold $321 million of debt securities held available for sale at a loss and reinvested the proceeds in higher yielding loans and securities and prepaid high cost borrowings.
  - Earnings were impacted by the repositioning transaction, as the Company reported a net loss of $11.7 million, or loss on earnings per basic and diluted share of $0.11.
- Generated core net income of $23.2 million[(1)].
- Realized core return on average assets[(1)] and core return on average tangible equity[(1)] of 0.22% and 2.14%, respectively.
- Increased tangible book value per share to $9.17 at December 31, 2024.
- Achieved deposit growth of 3.2% to $8.1 billion.
- Maintained strong asset quality – nonperforming assets to total assets was 0.22% at December 31, 2024.
- Stabilized net interest margin as funding cost pressures moderated.
- Maintained strong capital with a Common Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 13.31%.
- Repurchased 356,116 shares of our common stock for $5.9 million.

[(1)] Represents a Non-GAAP financial measure.
See the appendix for the reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP financial measures.

March 31, 2025 Update

- Reported net income of $8.9 million, or $0.09 per basic and diluted share.
- Improved core return on average assets[(1)] and core return on average tangible equity[(1)] to 0.35% and 3.78%, respectively.
- Increased tangible book value per share to $9.35 at March 31, 2025.
- Continued our strategy to grow a strong, conservative balance sheet.
  - Asset growth of 1.3% to $10.6 billion.
  - Loans receivable growth of 1.4% to $8.0 billion.
  - Deposit growth of 1.2% to $8.2 billion.
- Maintained strong asset quality – nonperforming assets to total assets was 0.25% at March 31, 2025.
- Increased net interest margin 36 basis points to 2.11% for the quarter ended March 31, 2025 compared to 1.75% for the quarter ended March 31, 2024.
- Continued to maintain prudent expense discipline.
- Redesigned and modernized Columbia Bank's website.

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition

Description	3/31/2025	12/31/2024	12/31/2023	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
			(In thousands)		
Total Assets	$ 10,607,850	$ 10,475,493	$ 10,645,568	$ 10,408,169	$ 9,224,097
Total cash and cash equivalents	256,089	289,223	423,249	179,229	70,963
Debt securities available for sale, at fair value	1,077,331	1,025,946	1,093,557	1,328,634	1,703,847
Debt securities held to maturity, at amortized cost	400,975	392,840	401,154	421,523	429,734
Loans receivable, net	7,965,274	7,856,970	7,819,441	7,624,761	6,297,912
Deposits	8,194,935	8,096,149	7,846,556	8,001,159	7,570,216
Borrowings	1,107,588	1,080,600	1,528,695	1,127,047	377,309
Total stockholders' equity	1,100,343	1,080,376	1,040,335	1,053,595	1,079,081

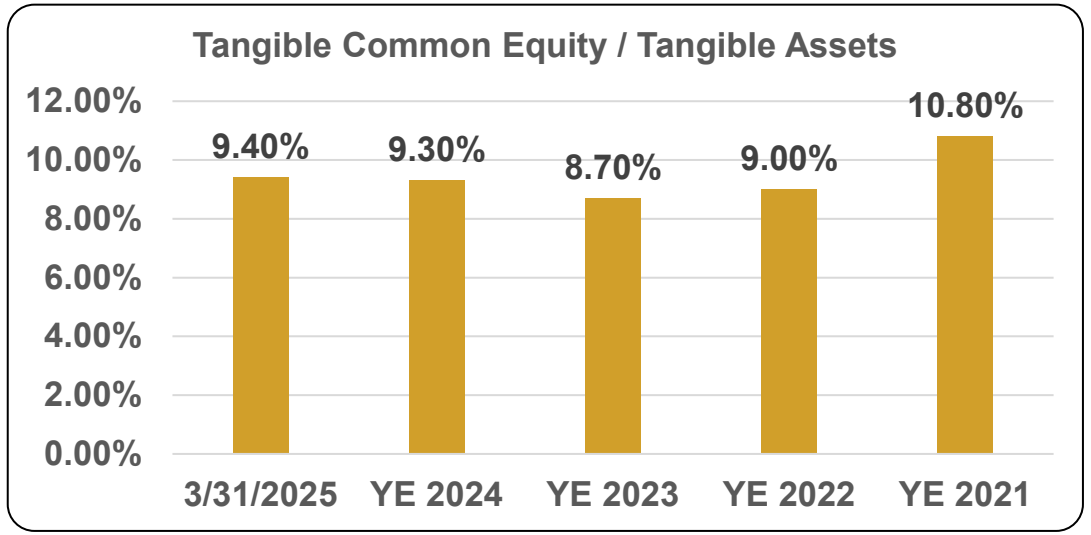
Consolidated Statements of Income

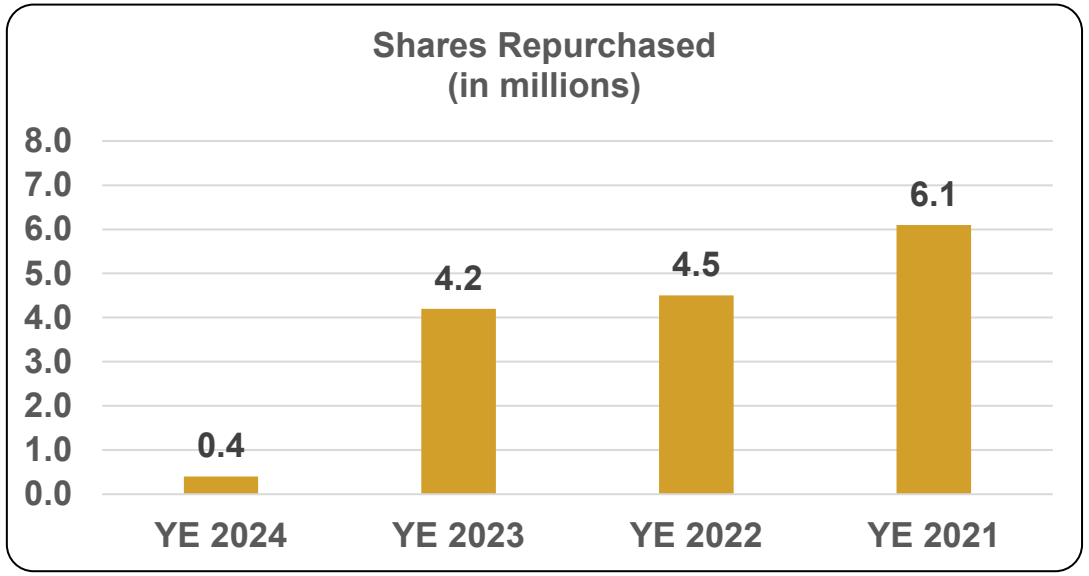
Description	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		For the Years Ended December 31,			
	2025	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021
			(In thousands)			
Interest income	$ 112,163	$ 108,627	$ 451,426	$ 394,978	$ 309,670	$ 270,150
Interest expense	61,838	66,427	273,444	189,102	42,893	37,016
Net interest income	50,325	42,200	177,982	205,876	266,777	233,134
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	2,933	5,278	14,451	4,787	5,485	(9,953)
Non-interest income	8,471	7,452	1,894	27,379	30,400	38,831
Non-interest expense	43,845	45,658	181,335	182,417	174,816	155,737
Pretax income (loss)	12,018	(1,284)	(15,910)	46,051	116,876	126,181
Income tax expense (benefit)	3,118	(129)	(4,257)	9,965	30,703	34,132
Net income (loss)	**$ 8,900**	**$ (1,155)**	**$ (11,653)**	**$ 36,086**	**$ 86,173**	**$ 92,049**
Core Net Income[(1)]	**$ 9,063**	**$ 455**	**$ 23,234**	**$ 50,790**	**$ 90,853**	**$ 94,031**

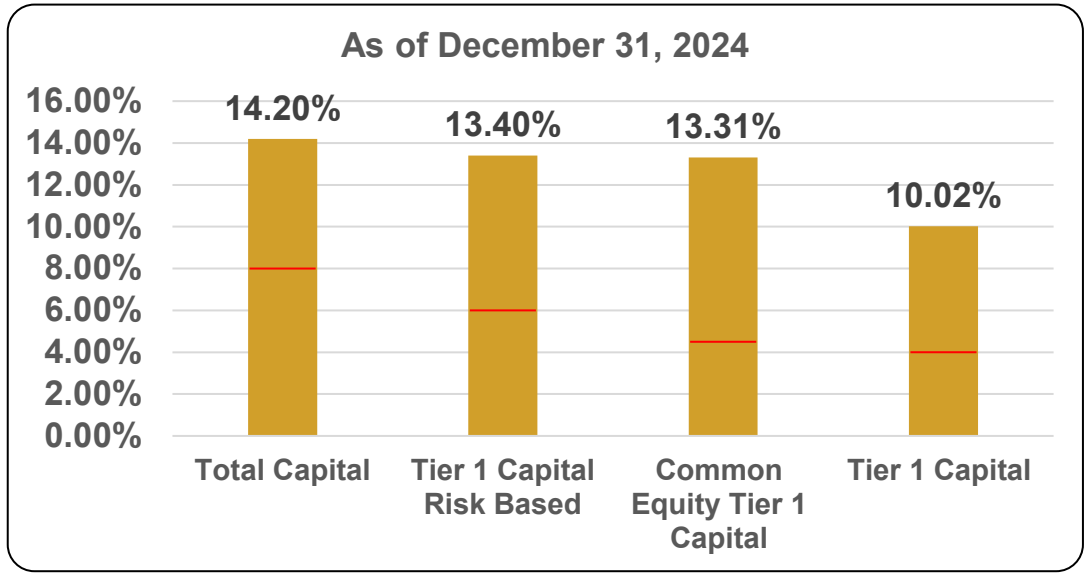
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Capital Management

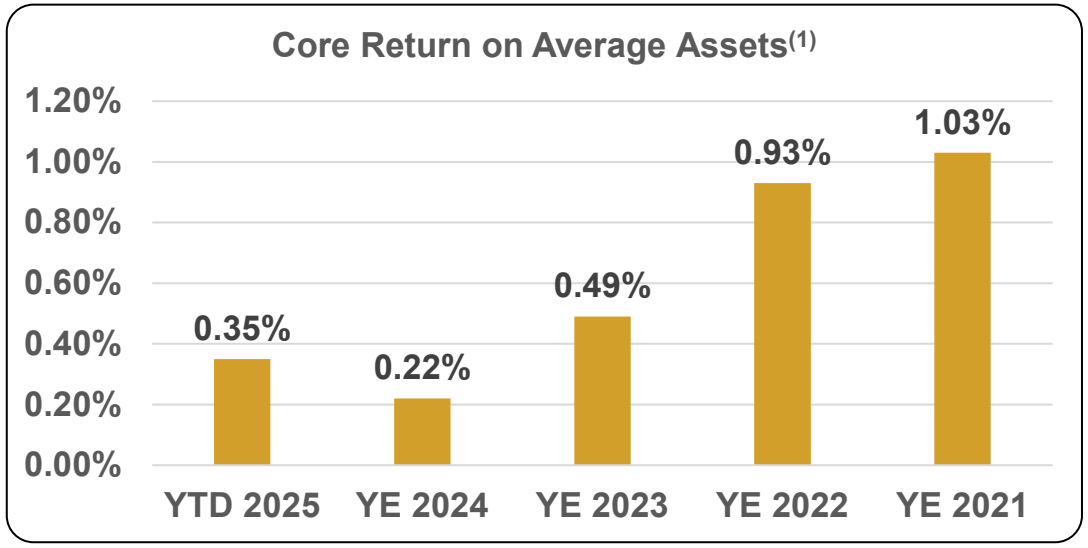
- Management focused on deploying the capital raised in the IPO through a combination of organic growth, acquisitions, and repurchases. Repurchases were paused in 2025 in order to retain capital.
- CLBK does not expect to pay cash dividends to shareholders while in the MHC structure as it is not a "grandfathered" MHC under the Dodd Frank Act and, therefore, the MHC cannot waive dividends from CLBK.
- Capital ratios exceed the regulatory “well capitalized” levels.

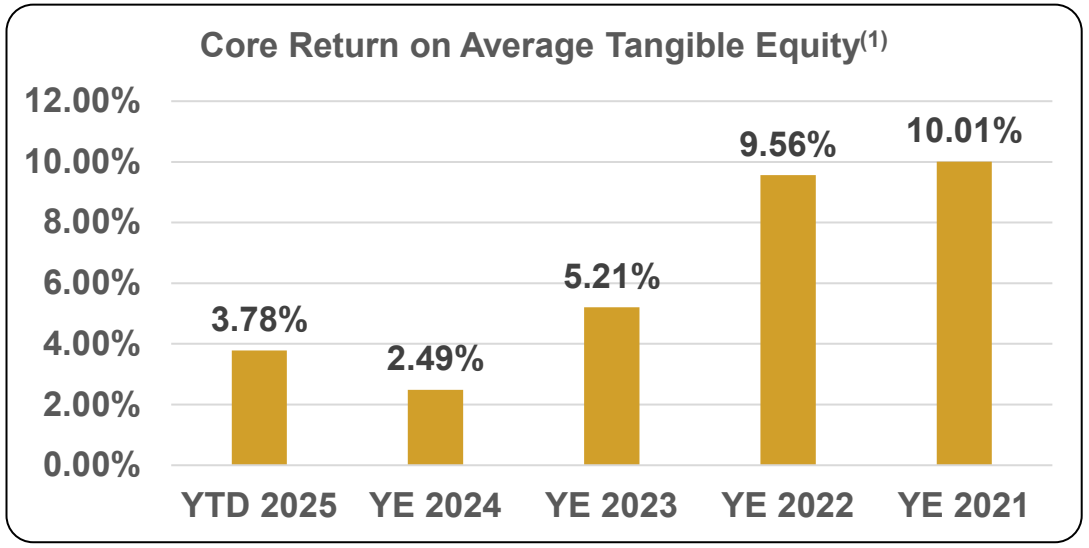


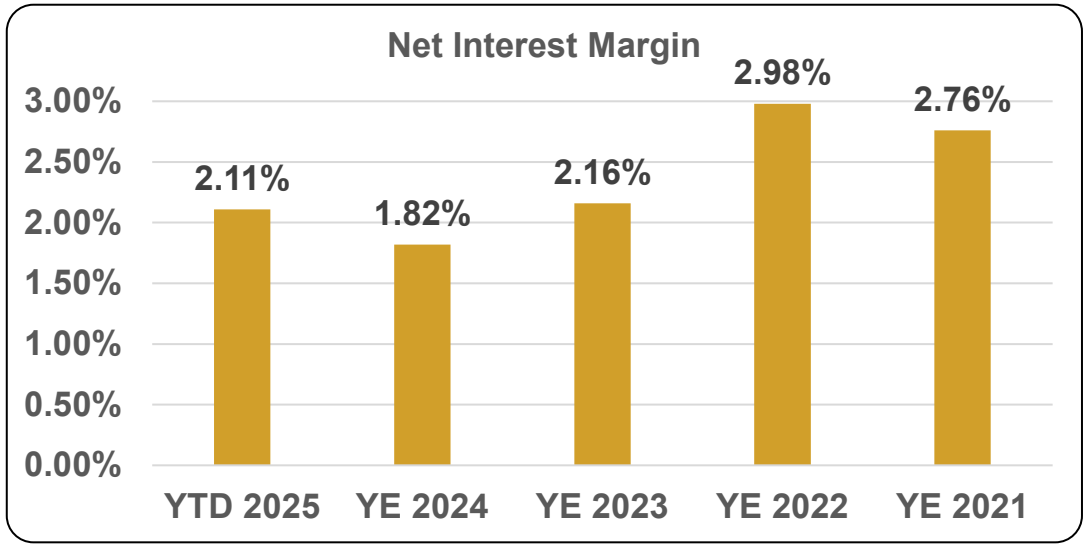


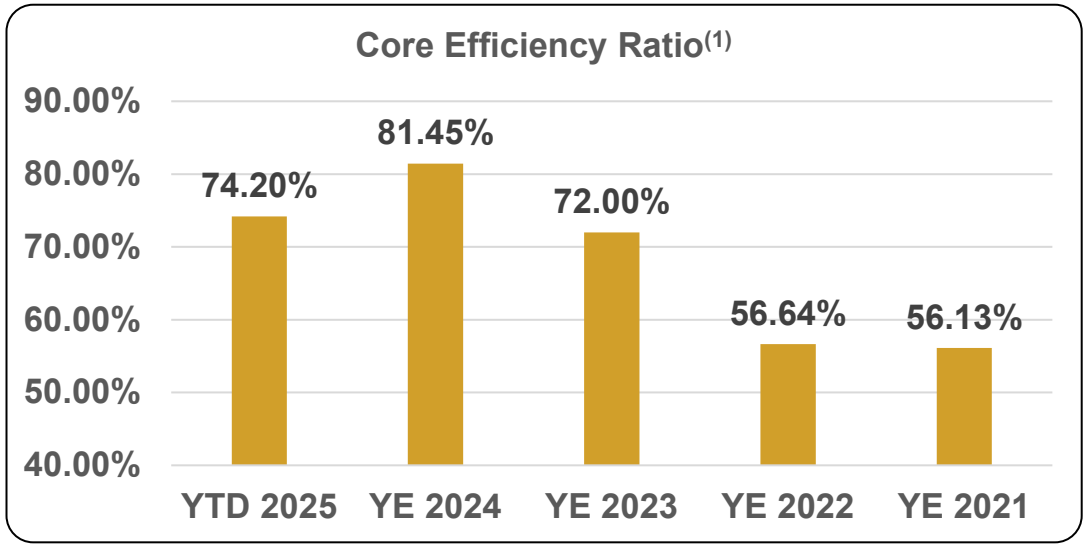


Financial Performance



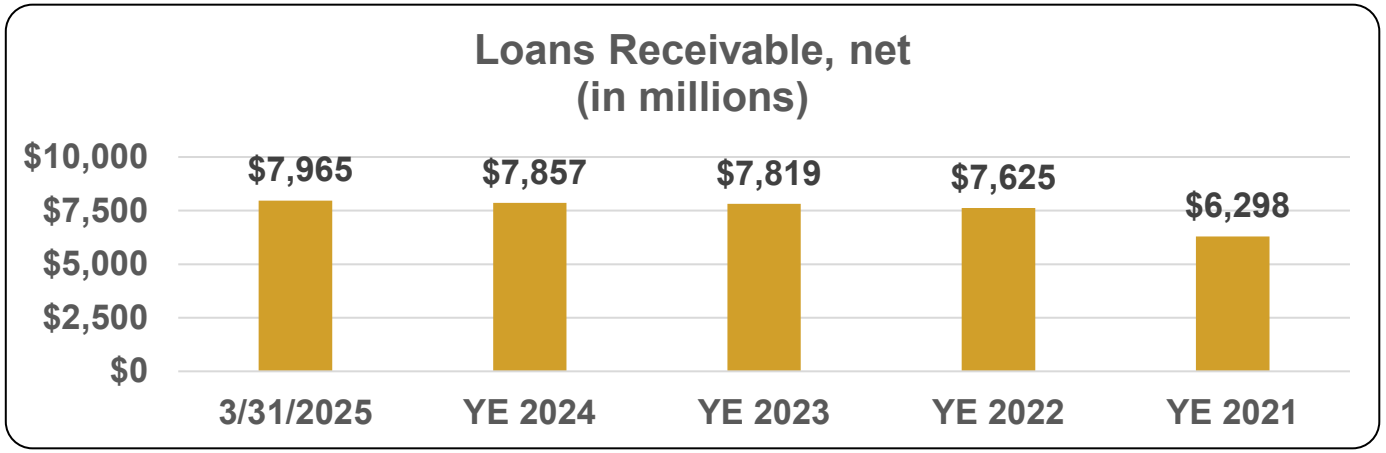






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YTD 2025 - Ratios are annualized for the three months ended March 31, 2025.

Lending



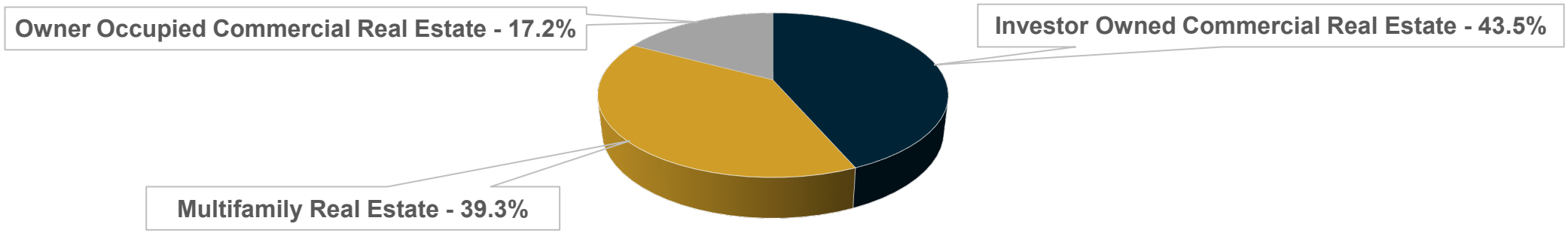
Loan Type (Dollars in thousands)	3/31/2025	12/31/2021	% Change
Residential	$ 2,676,566	$ 2,092,317	27.9%
Home Equity / Consumer	255,986	277,991	-7.9%
Multifamily and Commercial Real Estate	3,997,291	3,211,344	24.5%
Construction	437,081	295,047	48.1%
Commercial Business	614,049	452,232	35.8%
Total Loans	**7,980,973**	**6,328,931**	**26.1%**
PCD Loans	10,395	6,791	
Net Deferred Loan Costs	35,940	24,879	
Allowance for Credit Losses[(1)]	(62,034)	(62,689)	
Loans Receivable, net	**$ 7,965,274**	**$ 6,297,912**	

(1) The Company adopted ASU 2016-13 as of January 1, 2022. Prior periods have not been restated.

- As a community banking organization, the Company differentiates itself by focusing on relationships and self-sourced originations.
- Loans are largely focused in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the suburbs of New York. Originations in New York City are limited.
- During the first quarter of 2025, the Company originated $331.4 million in loans. Commercial real estate and construction loan originations were $180.5 million and $66.5 million, respectively.
- Continue to de-emphasize residential lending and shift originations toward commercial loan products.

Commercial Real Estate

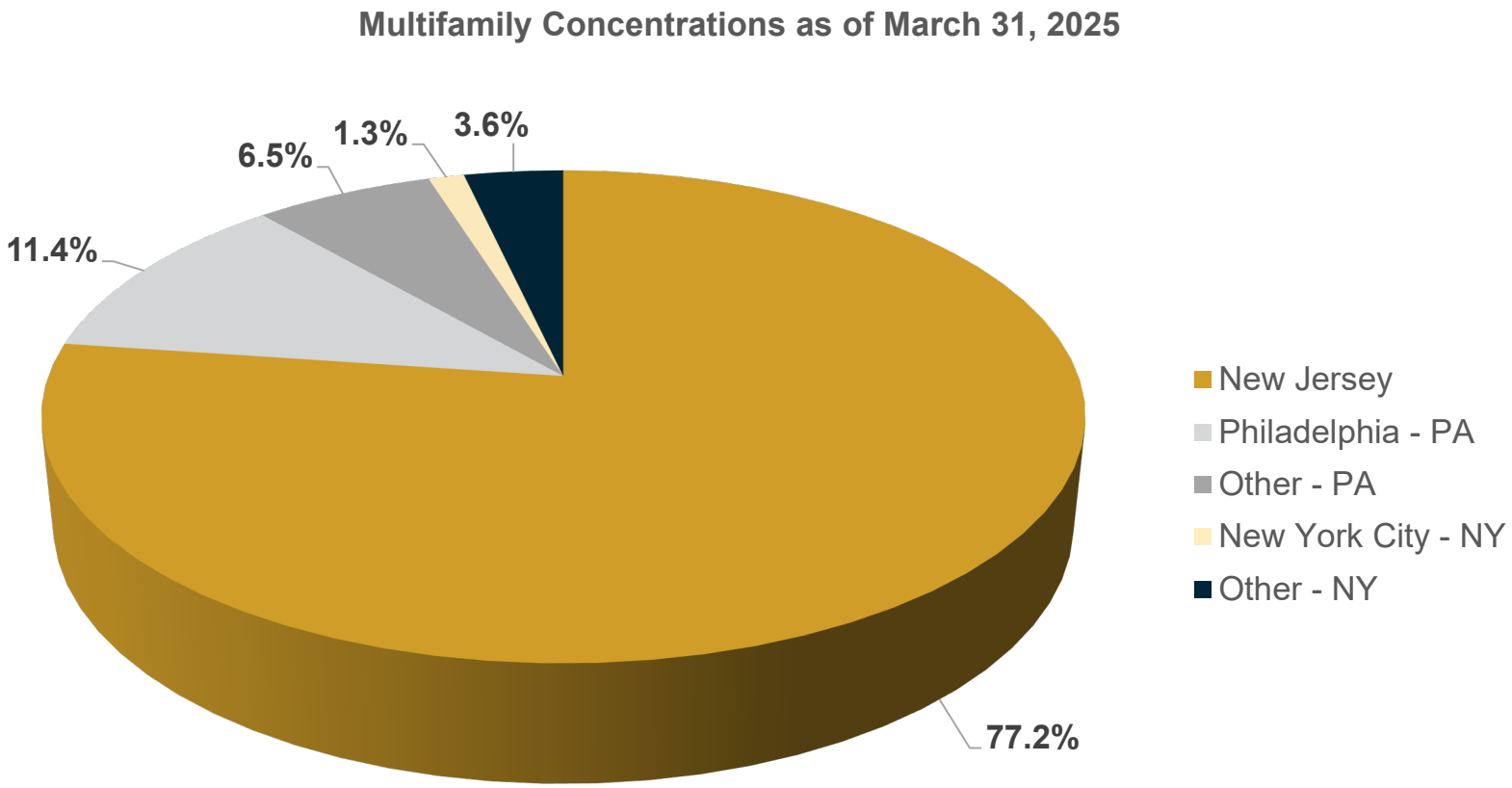
Commercial Real Estate Breakdown as of March 31, 2025



Investor Owned Commercial Real Estate (Dollar in thousands)	Balance	% of Total Commercial Real Estate	Average Loan Size	Weighted Average Loan to Value Ratio (1)	Weighted Average Debt Service Coverage (1)
Retail / Shopping Centers	$ 518,841	13.0%	$ 3,034	53.4%	1.50x
Mixed Use	220,391	5.5	1,196	58.0	1.57
Industrial / Warehouse	423,634	10.6	3,444	54.8	1.65
Non-Medical Office	189,617	4.7	1,935	51.1	1.65
Medical Office	118,547	3.0	3,293	60.0	1.46
Single Purpose	95,041	2.4	1,033	54.8	3.14
Other	173,849	4.3	1,229	51.3	1.75
Total	**$ 1,739,920**	**43.5%**	**$ 1,596**	**54.4%**	**1.67x**

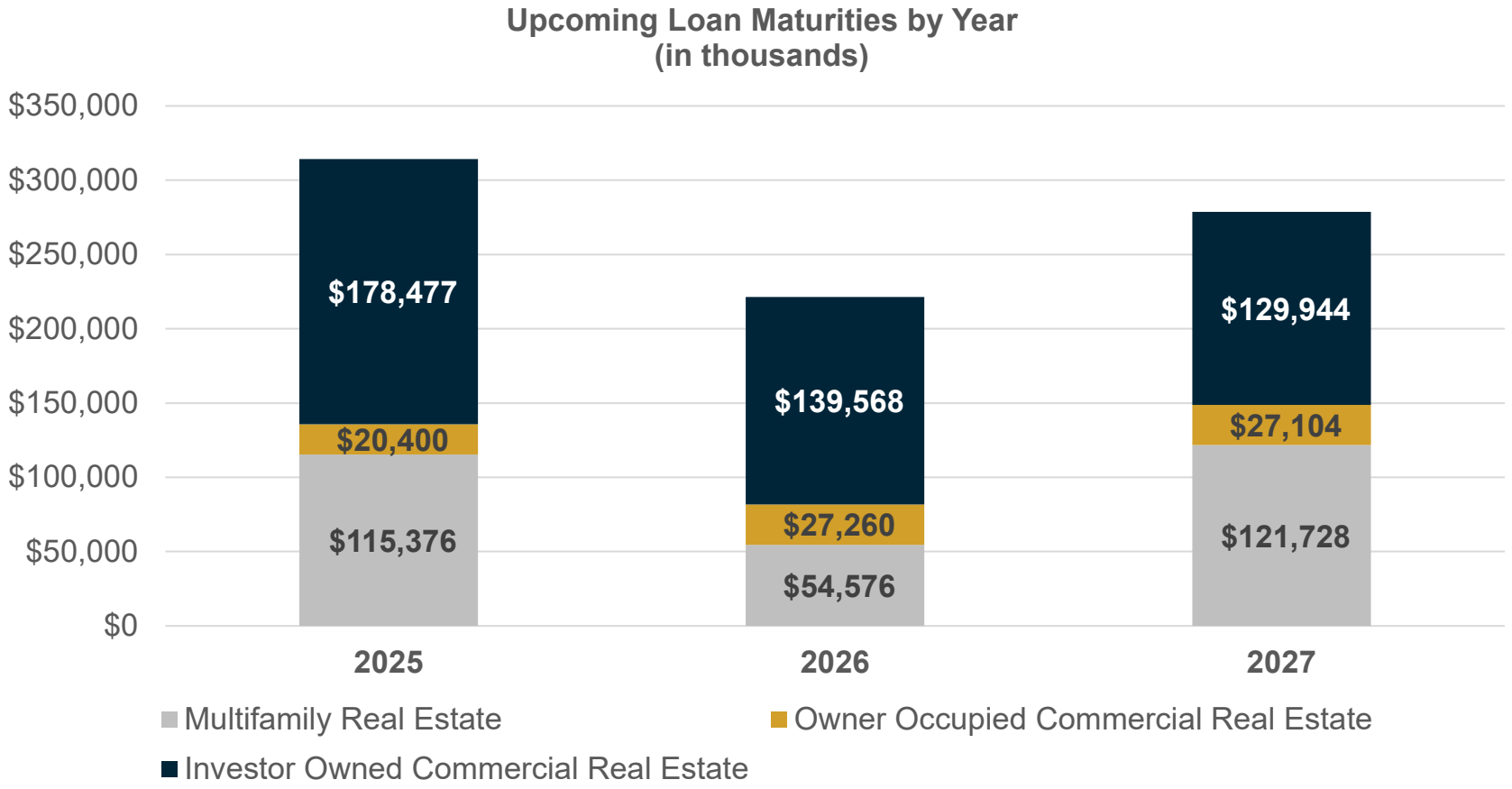
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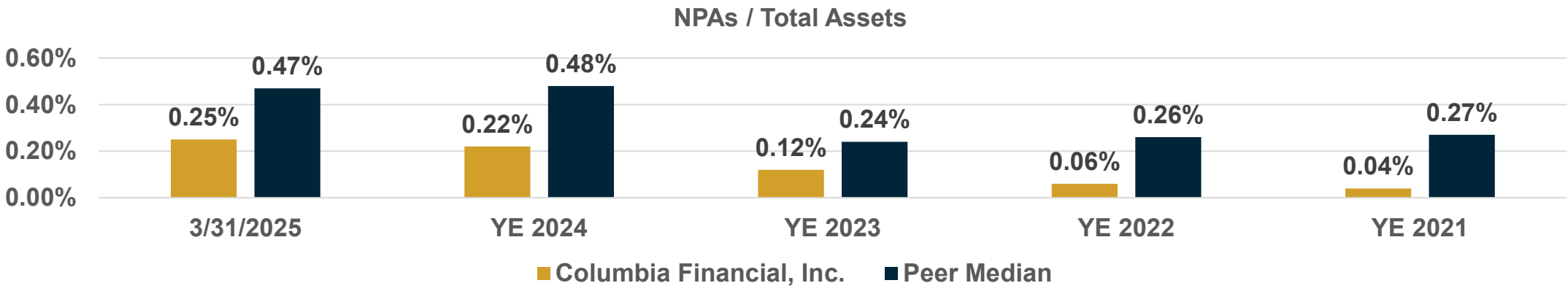
The multifamily portfolio includes only two loans collateralized by New York City rent stabilized properties, totaling approximately $820,000.

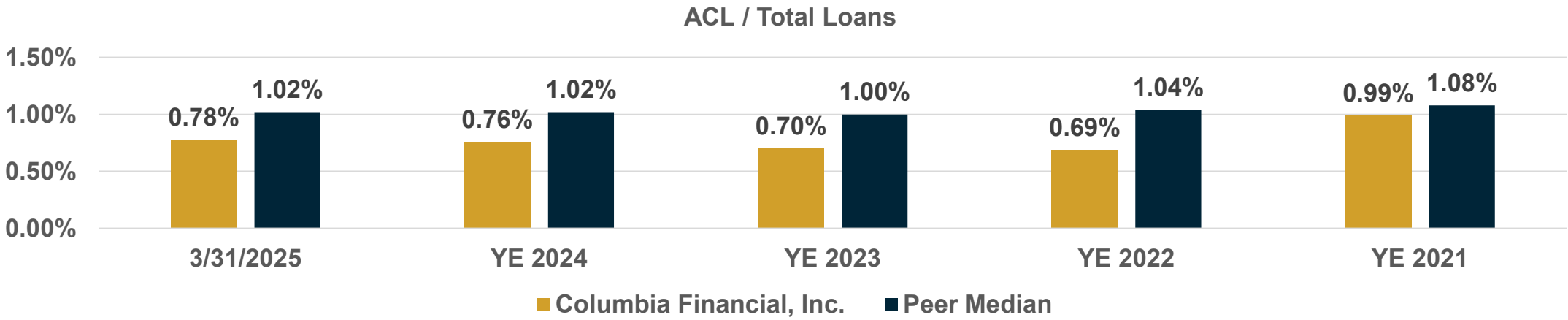
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The weighted average rates on loans maturing in 2025, 2026, and 2027 are 5.32%, 4.78%, and 4.64%, respectively.

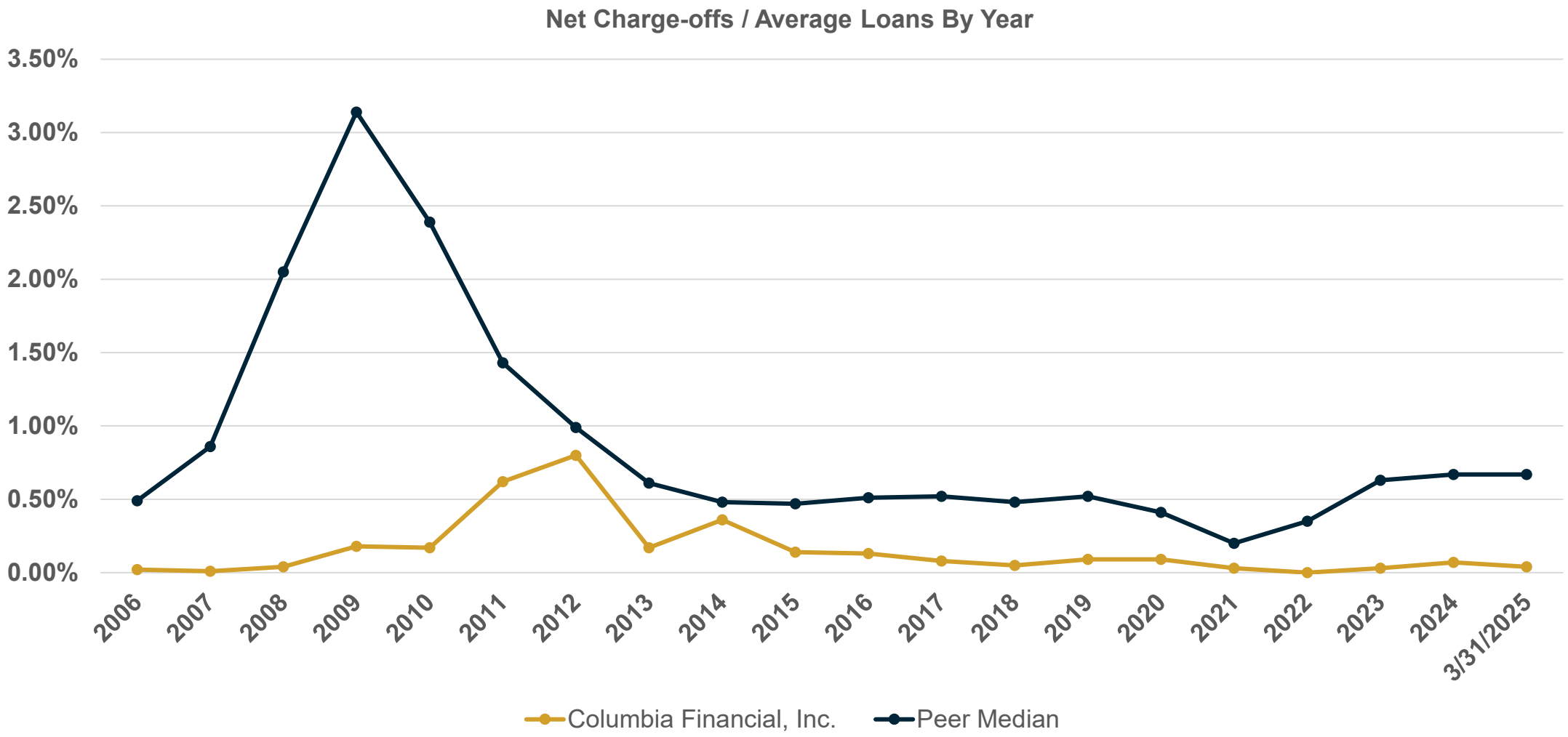
Asset Quality





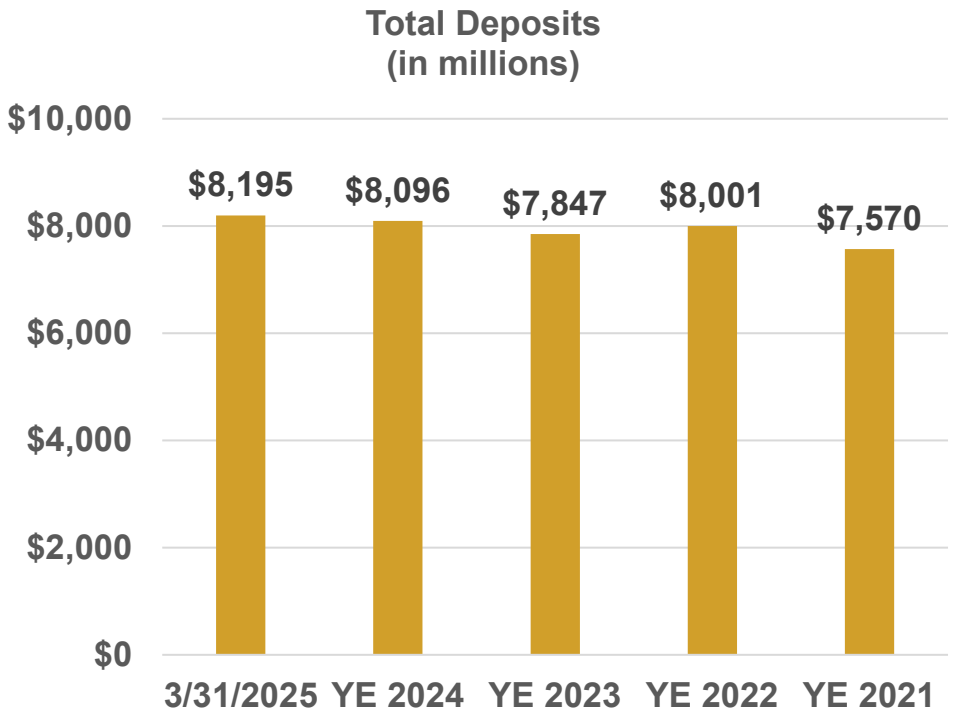
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(LBAI – data reported as of 12/31/2024)
Source: S&P Global

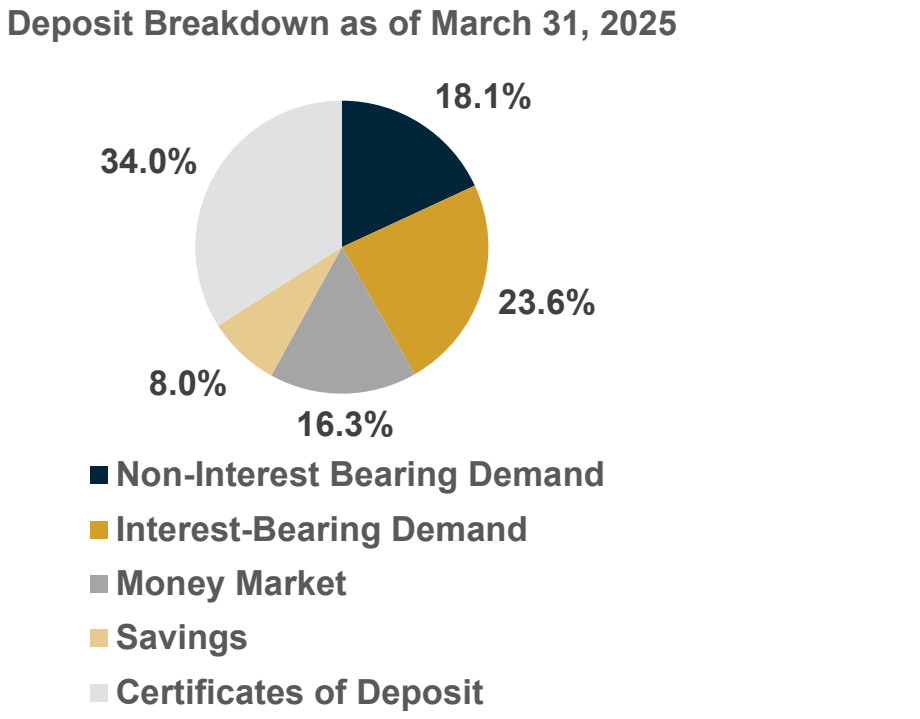
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Sources: S&P Global and Federal Reserve Bank, all Banks NSA.

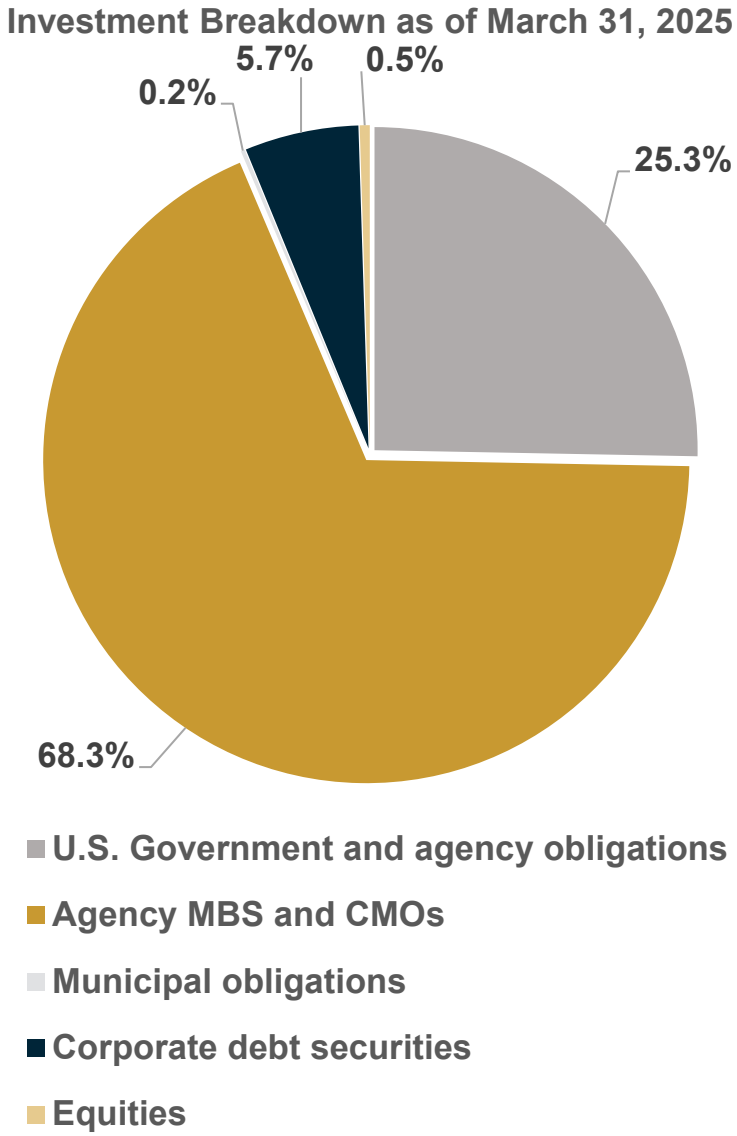
Deposits





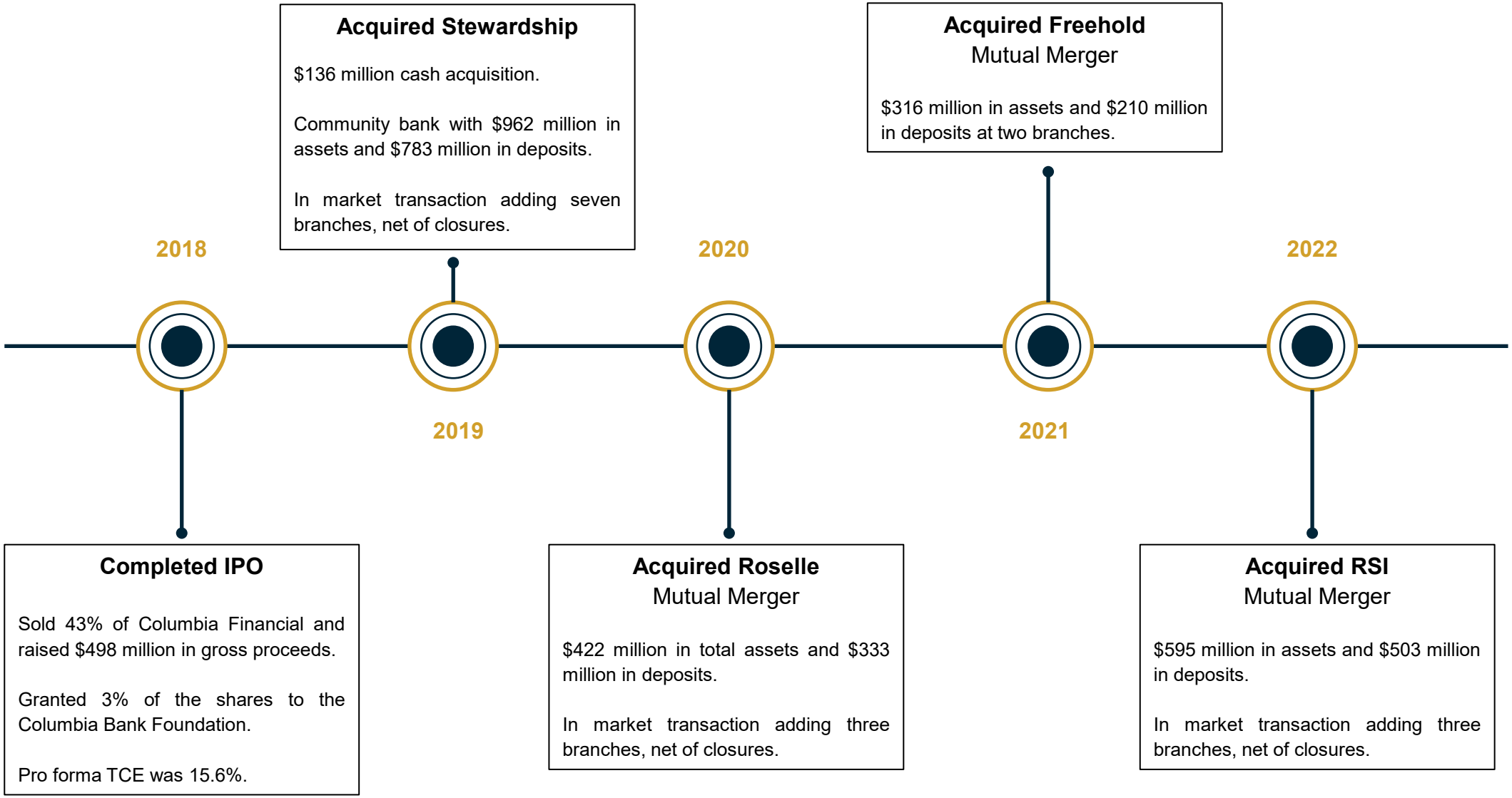
- The deposit base is large and diverse with an average deposit balance of approximately $40,000 at March 31, 2025.
- Uninsured deposits were approximately $2.2 billion, or 27.3%, of total deposits at March 31, 2025 (excluding municipal deposits of $866.5 million which are collateralized).
- Consumer deposit growth is driven through our branch network leveraging our community development.
- We continue to focus on treasury services as a means of deepening our commercial customer relationships and providing enhanced customer service for an appropriate fee.

Investment Securities



- Approximately 93.6% of the total portfolio consisted of direct government or government agency obligations.
- Net unrealized losses on available for sale securities, net of tax, as a percentage of total equity was 6.5%.

Mergers & Acquisitions



Organizational Considerations and Pro Forma Value of a Hypothetical Second Step Conversion

- Management and the Board of Directors are aware of the opportunities afforded by a second step conversion.
- We believe that being “well-positioned” to execute a second step conversion is important.
- Therefore, management is focused on:
  - Building the growth engine so we can leverage the amount of capital raised in a second step;
  - Deploying the remaining excess capital from the initial MHC offering;
  - Continuing to evaluate potential merger opportunities; and
  - Improving profitability and franchise value.

Date	3/31/2025	
Tangible Stockholders' Equity	$ 981,185	
Total Shares Outstanding	104,930,900	
Minority Shares	28,914,376	27.6%
Majority Shares	76,016,524	72.4%

Price to Fully Converted Pro Forma Tangible Book		80.0%	90.0%	100.0%
			(Dollar in thousands)	
Fully Covertable Value		$ 1,640,800	$ 2,137,000	$ 2,819,800
Offering Price Per Share		$ 10.00	$ 10.00	$ 10.00
Gross Proceeds		$ 1,188,667	$ 1,548,136	$ 2,042,786
Expenses and Stock Benefits	(10%)	(118,867)	(154,814)	(204,279)
Net Investable Proceeds		1,069,800	1,393,322	1,838,508
Existing Tangible Equity		981,185	981,185	981,185
Pro Forma Tangible Equity		$ 2,050,985	$ 2,374,507	$ 2,819,693
Pro Forma Tangible Book Value Per Share		$ 12.50	$ 11.11	$ 10.00
Exchange Ratio		1.56	2.04	2.69
Exchange Value Per Minority Share		**$ 15.64**	**$ 20.37**	**$ 26.87**

Legal Disclaimer: The pro forma financial information presented on this page is for illustrative purposes only, is based on information currently available, and does not reflect the actual pricing of any future second step conversion. While we continue to evaluate our organizational structure, we have no current plans to undertake a second step conversion nor is there any assurance that we will undertake such a conversion in the future.

Strategic Focus

- Focus on earnings improvement, especially strategies to improve margins.
- Continue our organic growth strategy while being mindful of economic conditions and evaluating acquisitions opportunistically.
- Continue to manage our level of operating expenses.
- Continue to build the infrastructure to support long term growth.
- Continue to control funding costs to defend and expand margin.
- Continue to maintain credit discipline and continue to bolster enterprise risk management for regional bank regulatory oversight.
- Emphasize our commercial lines of business to continue our migration toward a commercial bank balance sheet.
- De-emphasize residential mortgage lending due to lower profit margins, long asset durations and interest rate cyclicality.
- Build our core deposit base with an emphasis on commercial treasury services.
- Increase our emphasis on digital strategies to address customer preferences and gain operating efficiencies.
- Be positioned to pursue a second step conversion if and when conditions are right.

Questions

Appendix

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Core Net Income

Description (in thousands)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		For the Years Ended December 31,			
	2025	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021
Reconciliation of Core Net Income:						
Net Income (loss):	$ 8,900	$ (1,155)	$ (11,653)	$ 36,086	$ 86,173	$ 92,049
Add/Less: Loss (gain) on securities transactions, net of tax	-	1,130	30,082	9,249	(156)	(1,481)
Add: FDIC special assessment, net of tax	-	393	385	3,009	-	-
Add: Severance expense, net of tax	163	67	67	1,390	-	-
Less: Insurance settlement, net of tax	-	-	-	-	(486)	-
Add: Merger-related expenses, net of tax	-	20	1,468	529	2,210	974
Add: Litigation expenses, net of tax	-	-	-	262	2,913	-
Add: Loss on extinguishment of debt, net of tax	-	-	2,885	265	-	2,079
Add: Branch closure expense, net of tax	-	-	-	-	199	410
Core Net Income	**$ 9,063**	**$ 455**	**$ 23,234**	**$ 50,790**	**$ 90,853**	**$ 94,031**

Core ROAA and ROATE

Description (in thousands, except ratio data)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		For the Years Ended December 31,			
	2025[1]	2024[1]	2024	2023	2022	2021
Return on Average Assets	0.34%	-0.04%	-0.11%	0.35%	0.88%	1.01%
Net Income (loss)	$ 8,900	$ (1,155)	$ (11,653)	$ 36,086	$ 86,173	$ 92,049
Average Assets	$10,562,982	$10,568,560	$10,653,512	$10,370,557	$ 9,741,822	$ 9,103,003
Core Return on Average Assets	**0.35%**	**0.02%**	**0.22%**	**0.49%**	**0.93%**	**1.03%**
Core Net Income	**$ 9,063**	**$ 455**	**$ 23,234**	**$ 50,790**	**$ 90,853**	**$ 94,031**
Total Average Stockholders' Equity	$ 1,090,669	$ 1,042,777	$ 1,052,460	$ 1,098,098	$ 1,065,338	$ 1,024,914
Less: Average Goodwill	(110,715)	(110,715)	(110,715)	(110,715)	(103,477)	(79,842)
Less: Average Core Deposit Intangible	(8,784)	(10,956)	(10,119)	(12,398)	(11,352)	(5,717)
Total Average Tangible Stockholders' Equity	**$ 971,170**	**$ 921,106**	**$ 931,626**	**$ 974,985**	**$ 950,509**	**$ 939,355**
Core Return on Average Tangible Equity	**3.78%**	**0.20%**	**2.49%**	**5.21%**	**9.56%**	**10.01%**

[1] Ratios for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024 are annualized.

Core Efficiency Ratio

Description (in thousands, except ratio data)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		For the Years Ended December 31,			
	2025[1]	2024[1]	2024	2023	2022	2021
Efficiency Ratio	74.57%	91.96%	100.81%	78.20%	58.83%	57.26%
Net Interest Income	$ 50,325	$ 42,200	$ 177,982	$ 205,876	$ 266,777	$ 233,134
Non-Interest Income	8,471	7,452	1,894	27,379	30,400	38,831
Total Income	$ 58,796	$ 49,652	$ 179,876	$ 233,255	$ 297,177	$ 271,965
Non-Interest Expense	$ 43,845	$ 45,658	$ 181,335	$ 182,417	$ 174,816	$ 155,737
Core Efficiency Ratio	74.20%	88.39%	81.45%	72.00%	56.64%	56.13%
Non-Interest Income	$ 8,471	$ 7,452	$ 1,894	$ 27,379	$ 30,400	$ 38,831
Add/Less: Loss (gain) on securities transactions	-	1,256	35,851	10,847	(210)	(2,025)
Less: Insurance settlement	-	-	-	-	(650)	-
Core Non-Interest Income	**$ 8,471**	**$ 8,708**	**$ 37,745**	**$ 38,226**	**$ 29,540**	**$ 36,806**
Non-Interest Expense	$ 43,845	$ 45,658	$ 181,335	$ 182,417	$ 174,816	$ 155,737
Less: FDIC special assessment	-	(565)	(439)	(3,840)	-	-
Less: Severance expense	(220)	(74)	(74)	(1,605)	-	-
Less: Merger-related expenses	-	(22)	(1,665)	(606)	(2,810)	(822)
Less: Litigation expenses	-	-	-	(317)	(3,916)	-
Less: Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	-	(3,447)	(300)	-	(2,851)
Less: Branch closure expense	-	-	-	-	(266)	(548)
Core Non-Interest Expense	**$ 43,625**	**$ 44,997**	**$ 175,710**	**$ 175,749**	**$ 167,824**	**$ 151,516**

[1] Ratios for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024 are annualized.