# ABA's Partnership With Policymakers for a Strong Banking Industry

### **American Bankers Association:**



The united voice of the nation's **\$23.6 trillion banking industry**.

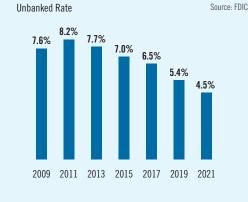


The only trade association that represents banks of *all* sizes and charters — small, midsize, regional and large banks — and their **2.1 million employees**.

### Impact of the Banking Industry:

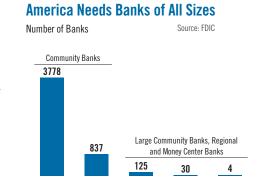
- Banks help businesses of all sizes grow and invest creating jobs for Americans.
- **94.6% of households** have either a checking or savings account.
- America's banks serve 251 million retail customers and 55 million small business customers.
- Banks have driven the unbanked rate down to a record low of 4.5% of households in 2021. With more than 41,000 branches now offering 350+ low-cost Bank On-certified accounts, ABA will continue working with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to welcome all Americans into the banking system.
- Annually, bank employees volunteer 12.5 million hours and donate \$4.8 billion to charitable organizations.





### The Vitality of Community Banks:

- Among all banks, 3,778 are community banks with under \$1 billion in assets. Another 837 are community banks with asset sizes between \$1 billion-\$10 billion. Just 159 banks have more than \$10 billion in assets.
- The rapid drop in the number of small community banks should concern policymakers. ABA supports policies that permit banks to serve their customers and strengthen their communities.





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#### **Increasing Employment Access:**

- The median-sized bank **employs 50 people**.
- The more than 2 million dedicated bank employees include far more than tellers. They are experts in everything from cybersecurity and technology to marketing and community development — and many more fields.
- A diverse workforce, banking industry employees earn an annual average of \$121,948 in total compensation and benefits with \$252.3 billion in total compensation and benefits.
- Banks also create more jobs by making loans that support businesses of all sizes.
- But banking isn't insulated from headwinds facing other sectors as well. Challenges like recruiting and retaining talent, rapid technological changes and succession planning are just a few of the issues banks need to address.



### **High Customer Satisfaction:**

- According to a recent ABA/Morning Consult survey, 95% of bank customers rate their bank's customer service as excellent, very good or good.
- 87% of bank customers are either very satisfied or satisfied with their bank.
- 95% of customers characterize their overall access to banking services as excellent, very good or good given the growth of digital and online tools and traditional branches and ATMs.
- 84% of customers agree that innovation and technology improvements by banks make it easier for all Americans to have access to financial services.



#### **Security of Banking Services:**

- 89% of bank customers agree that their bank takes proactive steps to protect them from fraud and scams, and 77% agree that banks do so more than other businesses or industries.
- **\$22.3 billion** in attempted deposit account fraud is **stopped annually by banks.**

