

# Financial Derivatives at Community Banks

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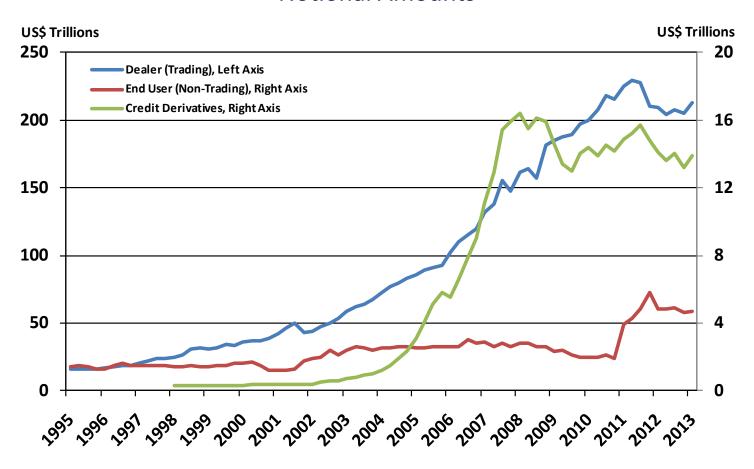
#### **Key Empirical Findings**

 During 2003-2012, derivative use was beneficial for community banks.

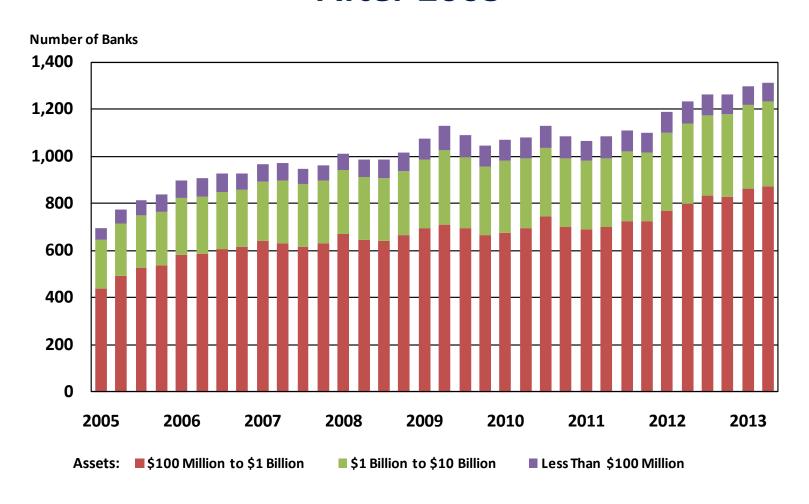
• If derivatives were banned after 2008, more than half of the roughly 1,100 community banks using derivatives would have reported losses.

### Dealer and Credit Derivative Activity Surged at Banks After 2001

**Notional Amounts** 

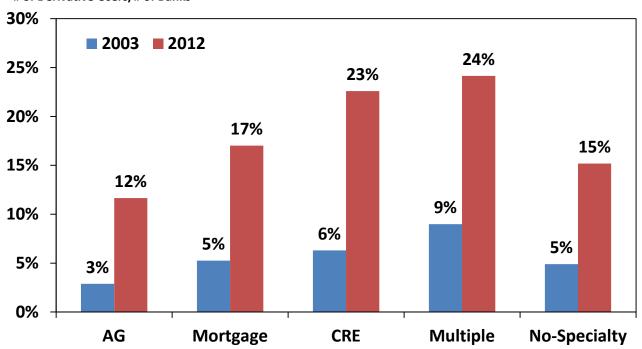


### **Ever More Community Banks Used Derivatives**After 2005



## Derivative Activity at Community Banks by Lending Specialty

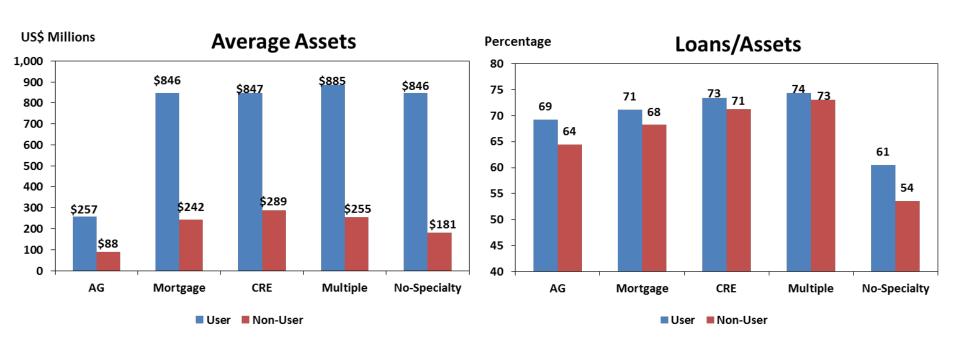




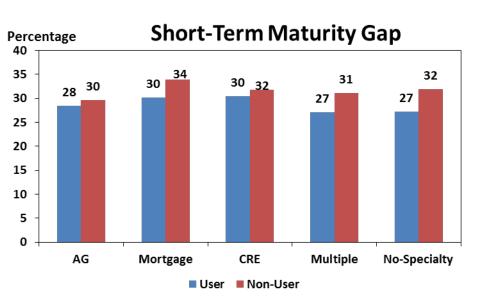
|                        | 0    | ral Specialists<br>(AG) | Mortgage Specialists (Mortgage) |          | Commercial Real Estate<br>Specialists (CRE) |          | Multi-Specialists<br>(Multiple) |          | No-Specialty |          |
|------------------------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---|----------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                        | User | Non-User                | User                            | Non-User | User  | Non-User | User                            | Non-User | User         | Non-User |
| Assets (US\$ Millions) | S257 | \$88                    | \$846                           | \$242    | \$847                                       | \$288    | \$885                           | \$255    | \$846        | \$181    |
| Number of Banks (2012) | 119  | 902                     | 193                             | 941      | 296   | 1,014    | 157                             | 493      | 375          | 2,096    |

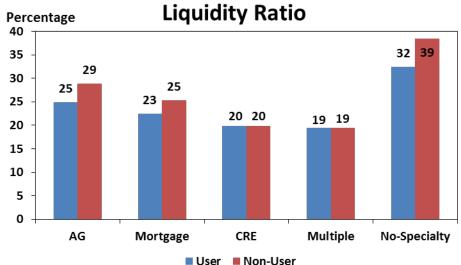
Source: Call Reports, FDIC

### Community Bank Derivative Users Are Larger and Make More Loans



### Community Bank Derivative Users Have Less Interest Rate Risk but More Liquidity Risk





Source: Call Reports, FDIC

#### **Community Bank Profitability and Losses**

by Lending Specialty and by Derivative User/Non-User ROA, 2003-2007 Percentage ROA, 2008-2012 Percentage 1.4 1.16<sup>1.19</sup> 1.19 1.15 1.15 1.2 1.2 1.09 1.05 User Non-User 0.98 1 0.76 1 0.85 0.77 \_0.70 0.75 0.8 0.8 0.56 0.6 0.6 0.47 0.46 0.4 0.4 0.21 0.2 0.2 0.05 0 AG CRE Multiple No-Specialty Mortgage AG CRE Multiple Mortgage No-Specialty -0.2 User Non-User -0.32 -0.4 Charge-Off, 2003-2007 Charge-Off, 2008-2012 Percentage Percentage 1.4 1.4 1.25 1.2 1.2 1.08 0.93 1 1 0.77 8.0 0.8 0.70 0.6 0.6 0.50 0.460.43 0.38 0.4 0.240.32 0.4 0.31 0.29 0.31 0.220.23 0.19 0.2 0.15 0.2 0 AG CRE Multiple No-Specialty Mortgage AG CRE Multiple No-Specialty Mortgage

■ User ■ Non-User

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#### **Method**

 Estimate impact of risk on ROA for derivative user and non-user community banks.

 Use endogenous switching model to control for banks' endogenous choice to use derivatives in ROA estimation and compute the counterfactual effects.

#### **Community Bank Profitability by Lending Specialty:**

#### Risk Factors Affect Derivative Users and Non-Users Differently

|                |           | Mortgag   | e Specialists |           |           | CRE Sp    | ecialists |           |  |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
|                | 2003      | 3-2007    | 2008          | -2012     | 2003      | -2007     | 2008-2012 |           |  |
| variables      | (1)       | (2)       | (3)           | (4)       | (5)       | (6)       | (7)       | (8)       |  |
|                | User      | Non-User  | User          | Non-User  | User      | Non-User  | User      | Non-User  |  |
| Employee       | <-0.001   | < 0.001   | 0.001         | 0.005**   | -0.002**  | 0.001     | < 0.001   | 0.002*    |  |
|                | (0.001)   | (0.001)   | (0.002)       | (0.003)   | (0.001)   | (0.001)   | (0.001)   | (0.001)   |  |
| Charge-off     | -0.411*** | -0.116*   | -0.368***     | -0.651*** | -0.403*** | -0.362*** | -0.578*** | -0.499*** |  |
|                | (0.074)   | (0.064)   | (0.068)       | (0.131)   | (0.067)   | (0.045)   | (0.045)   | (0.018)   |  |
| Manage         | 0.001     | 0.132***  | 0.003         | 0.036     | 0.045     | 0.145***  | -0.073**  | 0.099***  |  |
|                | (0.115)   | (0.029)   | (0.057)       | (0.063)   | (0.037)   | (0.031)   | (0.033)   | (0.021)   |  |
| Leverage       | 0.012     | -0.016    | -0.071**      | -0.034    | -0.095*** | 0.194***  | -0.059*** | 0.001     |  |
|                | (0.037)   | (0.045)   | (0.034)       | (0.048)   | (0.024)   | (0.024)   | (0.021)   | (0.007)   |  |
| Int. Rate Risk | -0.001    | -0.005*** | -0.011***     | -0.006*** | -0.007*** | -0.010*** | 0.004     | -0.012*** |  |
|                | (0.003)   | (0.002)   | (0.002)       | (0.002)   | (0.002)   | (0.002)   | (0.006)   | (0.002)   |  |
| Liquidity      | 0.011     | -0.007    | -0.002        | -0.001    | 0.018***  | -0.027*** | 0.025***  | 0.004     |  |
| - 0            | (0.007)   | (0.006)   | (0.005)       | (0.003)   | (0.006)   | (0.004)   | (0.008)   | (0.005)   |  |
| IMR            | 0.062     | 0.490*    | -0.043        | 0.153     | -0.459*** | -1.021*** | -0.267    | -2.187*** |  |
|                | (0.107)   | (0.256)   | (0.099)       | (0.219)   | (0.124)   | (0.228)   | (0.233)   | (0.468)   |  |
| Constant       | -4.09     | -8.41***  | -1.61         | -4.31***  | 2.11      | -11.14*** | 2.13      | -6.09***  |  |
|                | (4.61)    | (2.46)    | (4.54)        | (1.58)    | (4.10)    | (1.99)    | (1.93)    | (1.33)    |  |
| Obs.           | 1192      | 13,007    | 2,299         | 12,708    | 2191      | 17,719    | 4,456     | 19,429    |  |
| $R^2$          | 0.187     | 0.055     | 0.247         | 0.229     | 0.155     | 0.226     | 0.323     | 0.271     |  |

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

#### **Community Bank Profitability by Lending Specialty:**

#### Risk Factors Affect Derivative Users and Non-Users Differently

|                       | 1         | Agricultura | al Specialis | ts        |           | Multi-S   | pecialists |           | No-Specialty |           |           |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Variables             | 2003      | -2007       | 2008-2012    |           | 2003      | -2007     | 2008-2012  |           | 2003-2007    |           | 2008      | -2012     |
| Variables             | (1)       | (2)         | (3)          | (4)       | (5)       | (6)       | (7)        | (8)       | (9)          | (10)      | (11)      | (12)      |
|                       | User      | Non-User    | User         | Non-User  | User      | Non-User  | User       | Non-User  | User         | Non-User  | User      | Non-User  |
| Employee              | -0.008*   | -0.004***   | 0.002        | -0.002    | -0.001    | < 0.001   | 0.002*     | 0.007*    | -0.001       | -0.001    | <0.001    | -0.001    |
|                       | (0.005)   | (0.002)     | (0.003)      | (0.002)   | (<0.001)  | (0.002)   | (0.001)    | (0.004)   | (0.001)      | (0.001)   | (0.001)   | (0.002)   |
| Charge-off            | -0.451*** | -0.357***   | -0.412***    | -0.379*** | -0.414*** | -0.420*** | -0.518***  | -0.532*** | -0.082       | -0.001    | -0.339*** | -0.01     |
|                       | (0.167)   | (0.028)     | (0.075)      | (0.021)   | (0.063)   | (0.047)   | (0.032)    | (0.027)   | (0.074)      | (0.097)   | (0.046)   | (0.163)   |
| Manage                | 0.074**   | 0.148***    | 0.073        | 0.162***  | 0.439*    | 0.157***  | 0.118      | 0.054**   | 0.188**      | 0.043     | 0.057     | 0.179***  |
|                       | (0.037)   | (0.035)     | (0.048)      | (0.029)   | (0.245)   | (0.045)   | (0.077)    | (0.023)   | (0.077)      | (0.055)   | (0.054)   | (0.054)   |
| Leverage              | -0.195*** | -0.113***   | -0.273***    | -0.150*** | -0.246**  | 0.224***  | -0.056     | -0.002    | -0.180**     | -0.086*** | -0.123**  | -0.041*   |
|                       | (0.040)   | (0.035)     | (0.046)      | (0.021)   | (0.102)   | (0.041)   | (0.055)    | (0.018)   | (0.089)      | (0.025)   | (0.054)   | (0.021)   |
| <b>Int. Rate Risk</b> | -0.001    | -0.001      | 0.001        | -0.001    | -0.003    | -0.010*** | -0.010***  | -0.006*** | -0.001       | -0.003*** | -0.008**  | -0.008*** |
|                       | (0.003)   | (0.001)     | (0.003)      | (0.001)   | (0.003)   | (0.002)   | (0.003)    | (0.002)   | (0.003)      | (0.001)   | (0.003)   | (0.002)   |
| Liquidity             | 0.011     | -0.001      | 0.004        | -0.004*** | 0.008     | -0.040*** | 0.013*     | 0.009     | 0.004        | 0.003     | 0.010*    | -0.001    |
|                       | (0.009)   | (0.002)     | (0.004)      | (0.001)   | (0.010)   | (0.010)   | (0.007)    | (0.006)   | (0.005)      | (0.002)   | (0.006)   | (0.003)   |
| IMR                   | -0.079    | -0.760***   | -0.215       | -1.134*** | -0.127    | -0.551*** | -0.380***  | -1.444*** | 0.063        | -0.457    | 0.14      | -0.266    |
|                       | (0.157)   | (0.206)     | (0.134)      | (0.272)   | (0.156)   | (0.207)   | (0.112)    | (0.235)   | (0.099)      | (0.278)   | (0.119)   | (0.359)   |
| Constant              | -5.29     | -9.92***    | -14.68***    | -11.14*** | 7.40      | -11.10*** | -2.30      | -6.03***  | 3.86         | 4.34      | -6.66***  | 5.17      |
|                       | (3.58)    | (2.46)      | (3.06)       | (1.62)    | (7.08)    | (3.18)    | (1.95)     | (1.99)    | (5.08)       | (5.94)    | (1.85)    | (9.55)    |
| Obs.                  | 945       | 19,166      | 1,751        | 17,965    | 1478      | 8,987     | 2,568      | 8,938     | 3,157        | 42,919    | 5,557     | 39,593    |
| $R^2$                 | 0.352     | 0.189       | 0.392        | 0.278     | 0.124     | 0.234     | 0.381      | 0.315     | 0.054        | 0.065     | 0.302     | 0.075     |

## Community Bank Derivative Users Would Have Reported Losses if Not Using Derivatives

|                                 |                 | 2003-2007                                |            |                 | 2008-2012                                |                    |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|--|
| <b>Lending Specialty</b>        | Reported<br>ROA | ROA, had<br>they not used<br>derivatives | Difference | Reported<br>ROA | ROA, had<br>they not used<br>derivatives | Difference 1.99*** |  |
| <b>Agricultural Specialists</b> | 1.16            | -0.26                                    | 1.42***    | 1.04            | -0.95                                    |                    |  |
|                                 | (0.60)          | (0.51)                                   | (0.45)     | (0.65)          | (0.71)                                   | (0.48)             |  |
| <b>Mortgage Specialists</b>     | 0.76            | 1.69                                     | -0.92***   | 0.56            | 0.74                                     | -0.17***           |  |
|                                 | (0.26)          | (0.27)                                   | (0.28)     | (0.50)          | (0.69)                                   | (0.29)             |  |
| <b>CRE Specialists</b>          | 1.15            | -0.5                                     | 1.64***    | 0.05            | -3.65                                    | 3.70***            |  |
|                                 | (0.37)          | (0.93)                                   | (0.87)     | (1.43)          | (1.45)                                   | (0.93)             |  |
| <b>Multi-Specialists</b>        | 1.15            | 0.23                                     | 0.92***    | 0.46            | -2.02                                    | 2.48***            |  |
|                                 | (0.46)          | (0.62)                                   | (0.81)     | (1.06)          | (1.17)                                   | (0.48)             |  |
| No-Specialty                    | 1.19            | 0.39                                     | 0.81***    | 0.77            | 0.31                                     | 0.47***            |  |
|                                 | (0.29)          | (0.32)                                   | (0.34)     | (0.81)          | (0.41)                                   | (0.76)             |  |

## Profitability of Community Bank Non-Derivative Users Would Be Higher if Using Derivatives

|                             |                                      | 2003-2007       |            |                                      | 2008-2012       |            |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Lending Specialty</b>    | ROA, had<br>they used<br>derivatives | Reported<br>ROA | Difference | ROA, had<br>they used<br>derivatives | Reported<br>ROA | Difference |
| Agricultural Specialists    | 1.39                                 | 1.18            | 0.21***    | 1.57                                 | 0.98            | 0.60***    |
|                             | (0.60)                               | (0.43)          | (0.30)     | (0.76)                               | (0.64)          | (0.30)     |
| <b>Mortgage Specialists</b> | 0.64                                 | 0.83            | -0.18**    | 0.62                                 | 0.47            | 0.16***    |
|                             | (0.42)                               | (0.28)          | (0.38)     | (0.50)                               | (0.71)          | (0.29)     |
| <b>CRE Specialists</b>      | 1.97                                 | 0.75            | 1.22***    | 0.56                                 | -0.32           | 0.88***    |
|                             | (0.44)                               | (0.90)          | (0.99)     | (2.02)                               | (1.34)          | (1.47)     |
| <b>Multi-Specialists</b>    | 1.42                                 | 0.85            | 0.57***    | 0.96                                 | 0.21            | 0.75***    |
|                             | (0.75)                               | (0.82)          | (1.00)     | (1.19)                               | (1.19)          | (0.28)     |
| No-Specialty                | 1.21                                 | 1.09            | 0.12**     | 0.64                                 | 0.7             | -0.06**    |
|                             | (14.10)                              | (0.31)          | (13.90)    | (5.38)                               | (0.50)          | (5.07)     |

#### **Conclusions**

- Derivatives increased, rather than lowered, profitability for the majority of community banks over the period 2003-2012.
- Prohibiting the use of derivatives would have made some community banks more vulnerable to interest rate risk and credit risk.
- While derivatives like any financial instrument can be misused, evidence shows benefits for community banks.

# Thank You Questions and Comments

#### **Classification of Community Banks**

| Lending Specialty        | Definition   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Agricultural Specialists | Agricultural production loan plus loans secured by farmland greater than |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural Specialists | 20% of total assets  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mortgage Specialists     | Residential mortgage loans greater than 30% of total assets              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial Real Estate   | Construction and development (C&D) loans greater than 10% of total       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | assets OR total CRE loans (C&D, multifamily, and secured by other        |  |  |  |  |  |
| (CRE) Specialists        | commercial properties) greater than 30% of total assets                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | Meets more than one of the single-specialty definitions above OR holds   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Multi-Specialists        | either retail loans* or commercial loans** greater than 40% of total     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | assets   |  |  |  |  |  |
| No-Specialty             | All other institutions   |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: FDIC

*Note:* All specialty groups require the bank to hold loans greater than 33% of total assets. \*retail loans include 1-4 family residential real estate loans and loans to individual. \*\*commercial loans include CRE loans and C&I loans.

#### **Determinants of Bank Decisions to Use Derivatives**

|                  | A         | .G        | Mor       | tgage     | Cl        | RE        | Multi-S <sub>1</sub> | pecialists | No-Specialty |           |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Variables        | (1)       | (2)       | (3)       | (4)       | (5)       | (6)       | (7)                  | (8)        | (9)          | (10)      |
|                  | 2003-2007 | 2008-2012 | 2003-2007 | 2008-2012 | 2003-2007 | 2008-2012 | 2003-2007            | 2008-2012  | 2003-2007    | 2008-2012 |
| Log(asset)       | 0.922***  | 0.571***  | 0.562***  | 0.987***  | 1.148***  | 0.435***  | 1.062***             | 0.488***   | 0.965***     | 0.517***  |
|                  | (0.178)   | (0.162)   | (0.214)   | (0.233)   | (0.125)   | (0.079)   | (0.153)              | (0.093)    | (0.144)      | (0.095)   |
| Charge-off       | 0.01      | -0.003    | 0.022     | -0.001    | -0.007    | 0.003     | -0.017               | -0.006     | -0.009       | <-0.001   |
|                  | (0.008)   | (0.008)   | (0.026)   | (0.012)   | (0.021)   | (0.004)   | (0.024)              | (0.005)    | (0.017)      | (0.009)   |
| Manage           | -0.034    | -0.015    | 0.009     | 0.002     | 0.011     | -0.002    | -0.066*              | -0.007     | -0.018       | -0.02     |
|                  | (0.050)   | (0.028)   | (0.038)   | (0.018)   | (0.021)   | (0.010)   | (0.035)              | (0.012)    | (0.020)      | (0.014)   |
| Leverage         | -0.018    | -0.018    | -0.001    | -0.007    | -0.015    | -0.001    | -0.04                | -0.005     | -0.001       | -0.005**  |
|                  | (0.019)   | (0.011)   | (0.023)   | (0.011)   | (0.017)   | (0.002)   | (0.028)              | (0.006)    | (0.016)      | (0.002)   |
| Int. Rate Risk   | 0.001***  | -0.003*   | 0.005***  | -0.003*   | 0.002     | -0.002**  | 0.002                | -0.003**   | 0.003**      | -0.002**  |
|                  | (<0.001)  | (0.002)   | (0.002)   | (0.002)   | (0.002)   | (0.001)   | (0.002)              | (0.001)    | (0.001)      | (0.001)   |
| Liquidity        | -0.015**  | 0.001     | -0.017*** | -0.002    | -0.005    | 0.001     | 0.008                | 0.004      | -0.005       | 0.003     |
|                  | (0.007)   | (0.003)   | (0.006)   | (0.005)   | (0.005)   | (0.002)   | (0.009)              | (0.003)    | (0.003)      | (0.002)   |
| ВНС              | 0.163     | -0.032    | -0.345*** | 0.023     | 0.207*    | 0.239**   | 0.017                | 0.519***   | 0.165        | 0.172*    |
|                  | (0.242)   | (0.247)   | (0.126)   | (0.104)   | (0.121)   | (0.099)   | (0.181)              | (0.164)    | (0.118)      | (0.101)   |
| Constant         | -4.21     | -0.04     | -9.295*   | -4.444    | -0.445    | -6.027*** | -4.691               | -2.833     | -6.745***    | -8.516*** |
|                  | (5.050)   | (3.802)   | (5.401)   | (2.843)   | (2.483)   | (1.615)   | (3.736)              | (2.797)    | (1.410)      | (1.458)   |
| Observations     | 20,111    | 19,200    | 14,199    | 15,007    | 19,910    | 23,885    | 10,465               | 11,506     | 46,076       | 45,150    |
| $\chi^2$         | 79.72     | 136       | 154.6     | 150.5     | 248.6     | 257.5     | 175.8                | 195.6      | 410.3        | 484.1     |
| Log Likelihood   | -3,302    | -4,497    | -3,256    | -5,269    | -5,464    | -9,820    | -3,228               | -4,799     | -8591        | -12,463   |
| #of Institutions | 1009      | 1,022     | 734       | 1,136     | 1,171     | 1,321     | 582                  | 651        | 2354         | 2,480     |