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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

April 17, 1996 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Commission File Number 1-9718

PNC BANK CORP. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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PENNSYLVANIA
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

25-1435979 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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ONE PNC PLAZA
249 FIFTH AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15222-2707
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(412) 762-1553 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

## ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

1996 First Quarter Financial Results

On April 17, 1996, PNC Bank Corp. ("Corporation") reported results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1996. A copy of the earnings press release issued by the Corporation is attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

# ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

The exhibit listed on the Exhibit Index on page 3 of this Form 8-K is filed herewith.

# SIGNATURE

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.

PNC BANK CORP. (Registrant)

Date: April 17, 1996 By /s/ Robert L. Haunschild

Robert L. Haunschild Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

99 Earnings press release issued by the Corporation on April 17, 1996, with respect to the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1996, is filed herewith.

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#### PNC BANK CORP. EARNINGS INCREASE 33 PERCENT

PITTSBURGH, April 17, 1996--PNC Bank Corp. (NYSE: PNC) today reported that 1996 first quarter net income increased 33 percent to \$238.3 million, or \$.69 per fully diluted share, compared with \$179.5 million, or \$.52 per fully diluted share, a year ago. Returns on average assets and average common shareholders' equity were 1.34 percent and 16.65 percent, respectively, compared with 0.97 percent and 12.81 percent a year ago. The after-tax profit margin was 25.4 percent compared with 21.5 percent in the first quarter of

Thomas H. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer, said, "This quarter's strong results were driven by substantial revenue growth and expense discipline and reflect the benefits of our 1995 balance sheet repositioning and the Midlantic merger. The integration with Midlantic is proceeding very well, and we continue to believe we will exceed our original cost savings estimate."

Taxable-equivalent net interest income increased 11.8 percent to \$616.1 million and the net interest margin widened to 3.73 percent in the first quarter of 1996. Net interest income and margin were \$551.1 million and 3.16 percent, respectively, in the first quarter of 1995. The net interest income and margin reflect the benefits of the balance sheet repositioning completed in 1995 combined with a \$5.1 billion increase in average loans.

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PNC Bank Corp. Earnings Increase 33 Percent

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Noninterest income increased \$36.0 million, or 12.6 percent, when compared with the year-earlier period. Investment management and trust income increased 33.8 percent to \$120.9 million, reflecting the BlackRock acquisition, new business and an increase in the value of managed assets. Discretionary assets under management totaled \$103 billion at March 31, 1996, compared with \$85 billion a year ago. Service fees increased 7.2 percent, to \$130.3 million, primarily due to higher deposit and brokerage revenue.

Mortgage banking revenue was positively impacted by higher than expected mortgage origination volumes, but declined in the comparison due to servicing sales in the prior-year period. At March 31, 1996, the corporation serviced \$40.4 billion of mortgages, including \$28.1 billion serviced for others. Other noninterest income increased \$3.8 million to \$31.5 million, primarily due to higher venture capital income.

Noninterest expense was 2.2 percent higher when compared with the prior-year quarter. Excluding acquisitions and the benefit of lower Federal deposit insurance premiums, noninterest expense was flat in the comparison. The efficiency ratio improved to 60.3 percent compared with 66.1 percent in the first guarter of 1995.

PNC Bank's average total assets and average earning assets were \$71.7 billion and \$65.7 billion, respectively, during the first quarter of 1996 compared with \$74.8 billion and \$69.5 billion, respectively, a year ago. The declines reflect the corporation's actions to downsize the securities portfolio, partially offset by loan growth. Average loans were \$48.6 billion compared with \$43.7 billion in the first quarter of 1995. Excluding acquisitions, average loans increased 6.2 percent in the year-to-year comparison. As a percent of average earning assets, average loans were 74.0 percent during the first quarter of 1996 compared with 62.9 percent a year ago. Average securities declined \$9.2 billion to \$14.8 billion compared with the prior-year period.

Average deposits were \$45.6 billion compared with \$43.7 billion a year ago. Wholesale funds represented 28.5 percent of total sources of funds in the first quarter of 1996, compared with 35.3 percent in the year-earlier period.

The allowance for credit losses totaled 1.2 billion at March 31, 1996 and was 329 percent of nonperforming loans compared with 265 percent at March 31, 1995. Net charge-offs

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PNC Bank Corp. Earnings Increase 33 Percent

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totaled \$34 million in the first quarter of 1996 compared with \$36 million in the year-earlier period. Nonperforming assets totaled \$540 million at March 31, 1996, compared with \$702 million at the end of the first quarter 1995. The ratio of nonperforming assets to total loans and foreclosed assets was 1.10 percent at March 31, 1996 and 1.58 percent at March 31, 1995.

Shareholders' equity totaled \$5.8 billion at March 31, 1996. The leverage capital ratio was 6.90 percent, and Tier I and total risk-based

capital ratios are estimated to be 8.1 percent and 11.6 percent, respectively.

PNC Bank Corp., headquartered in Pittsburgh, is one of the largest financial services organizations in the United States, with banking subsidiaries in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Florida. Its major businesses include consumer banking, corporate banking, mortgage banking, real estate banking and asset management.

### [TABULAR MATERIAL FOLLOWS]

PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Financial Highlights

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	March 31	December 31	March 31
	1996		1995
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Three months ended (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)			
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Net interest income (taxable-equivalent basis)	\$616,108	\$563,825	\$551,136
Net income (loss)	238,320	(176,177)	179,547
Fully diluted earnings (loss) per common share	.69	(.52)	.52
Return on average total assets	1.34%	, ,	
Return on average common shareholders' equity	16.65	( / -	12.81
Net interest margin	3.73	3.22	3.16
After-tax profit margin	25.42	(30.01)	21.46
Efficiency ratio	60.32	,	66.14
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AVERAGE BALANCES			
Three months ended (In millions)			
Assets	\$71,733	\$75,707	\$74,841
Earning assets	65,705	69,681	69,486
Loans, net of unearned income	48,625	48,304	43,710
Securities	14,818	19,450	23,984
Deposits	45,553	46,216	43,667
Shareholders' equity	5,764	5,893	5,710
PERIOD END BALANCES (In millions)			
Assets	\$72,668	\$73,404	\$75.750
Earning assets	66,041		69,369
Loans, net of unearned income	48,800	66,772 48,653	44,192
Securities	14,692	15 930	23,487
Deposits	45,621	46,899	43,598
Shareholders' equity	5,786	5,768	5,758
SELECTED RATIOS Capital ratios			
Book value per common share			
As reported	\$16.88	\$16.87	\$16.90
Excluding net unrealized securities gains/losses	17.16	16.79	17.10
Leverage	6.90%		6.88%
Common shareholders' equity to assets	7.94	7.83	7.51
Average common shareholders' equity to average assets	8.01	7.76	7.51
Asset quality ratios	0.01	7.70	7.54
Net charge-offs to average loans	.28	.45	.33
Nonperforming loans to loans	.76	.74	1.12
Nonperforming assets to loans and foreclosed assets	1.10	1.10	1.58
Nonperforming assets to total assets	.74	.73	.93
Allowance for credit losses to loans	2.51	2.59	2.98
Allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans	328.88	351.68	265.19
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PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statement of Income

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Three months ended	March 31	December 31	March 31
In thousands, except per share data	1996	1995	1995
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INTEREST INCOME			
Loans and fees on loans	\$980,836	\$983 <b>,</b> 267	\$887,421
Securities	237,442	283,703	345,404

Other	37,060	33,032	28,452
Total interest income		1,300,002	
INTEREST EXPENSE			
Deposits	370,983	400,962	357,721
Borrowed funds	112,457	177,403	211,129
Notes and debentures	165,041	168,889	153,147
Total interest expense	648,481	747,254	721,997
Net interest income	606,857	552,748	539,280
Provision for credit losses		1,500	1,500
Net interest income less provision for credit losses	606,857	551,248	537,780
NONINTEREST INCOME			
Investment management and trust	120,877	111,524	90,368
Service fees	130,269	130,803	121,472
Mortgage banking	35,982	39,427	44,723
Net securities gains (losses)	2,943	(288,958)	1,254
Other	31,491	30,490	27,740
Total noninterest income	321,562	23,286	285,557
NONINTEREST EXPENSES			
Staff expense	278,657	266,962	263,401
Net occupancy and equipment	93,283	88,063	86,734
Intangible asset and MSR amortization	23,664	41,387	23,335
Federal deposit insurance	3,190	7,662	24,320
Other	166,852	161,827	155,561
Special charges	100,032	259,926	133,301
Total noninterest expenses	565,646	825 <b>,</b> 827	553,351
Income before income taxes (benefits)			
Applicable income taxes (benefits)	124,453	(251,293) (75,116)	90,439
Appricable income taxes (benefits)	124,433	(73,110)	90,439
Net income (loss)	\$238 <b>,</b> 320	\$(176 <b>,</b> 177)	\$179 <b>,</b> 547
EARNINGS (LOSSES) PER COMMON SHARE			
Primary	\$.69	\$(.52)	\$.52
Fully diluted	.69	(.52)	.52
CASH DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	.35	.35	.35
AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING			
Primary	342,872	336,954	341,740
Fully diluted	347,367	336,954	347,008
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PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Details of Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin

NET INTEREST INCOME

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Three months ended Taxable-equivalent basis In thousands	March 31 1996	December 31 1995	September 30 1995	June 30 1995	March 31 1995
<pre><s> Interest income/expense before financial derivatives</s></pre>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Interest income Loan fees Taxable-equivalent adjustment	\$1,236,277 24,457 9,251	\$1,318,461 17,965 11,077	\$1,312,720 23,115 11,790	\$1,314,090 21,354 11,919	\$1,278,832 19,589 11,856
Total interest income Interest expense	1,269,985 647,197	1,347,503 739,819	1,347,625 760,001	1,347,363 762,064	1,310,277 717,411
Net interest income before financial derivatives Effect of financial derivatives on	622,788	607,684	587,624	585,299	592,866
Interest income Interest expense	(5,396) 1,284	(36,424) 7,435	(42,326) 6,489	(40,801) 9,757	(37,144) 4,586
Total effect of financial derivatives	(6,680)	(43,859)	(48,815)	(50,558)	(41,730)
Net interest income	\$616,108	\$563 <b>,</b> 825	\$538,809	\$534,741	\$551,136 =======

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NET INTEREST MARGIN

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Three months ended	March 31	December 31	September 30	June 30	March 31
Taxable-equivalent basis	1996	1995	1995	1995	1995
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Book-basis yield on earning assets	7.51 %	7.50 %	7.49 %	7.49 %	7.34 %
Effect of loan fees	.15	.10	.13	.12	.11
Taxable-equivalent adjustment	.06	.06	.07	.07	.07
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Taxable-equivalent yield on earnings assets	7.72	7.66	7.69	7.68	7.52
Rate on interest-bearing liabilities	4.74	4.98	5.11	5.09	4.86
Interest rate spread	2.98	2.68	2.58	2.59	2.66
Noninterest-bearing sources	.79	.79	.79	.77	.74
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Net interest margin before financial derivative	s 3.77	3.47	3.37	3.36	3.40
Effect of financial derivatives on					
Interest income	(.03)	(.20)	(.24)	(.23)	(.21)
Interest expense	.01	.05	.04	.07	.03
Total effect of financial derivatives	(.04)	(.25)	(.28)	(.30)	(.24)
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Net interest margin	3.73 %	3.22 %	3.09 %	3.06 %	3.16 %

PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Details of Noninterest Income and Noninterest Expense

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Three months ended arch 31 December 31 September 30 1996 1995 1995 In thousands March 31 March 31 June 30 1995 1995 <C> <S> <C> <C> <C> <C> Investment management and trust \$69,175 \$68,288 \$69,826 \$58,519 40,829 39,325 31,849 \$76,891 Trust Mutual funds 43,986 42,349 Total investment management and trust 120.877 109.117 109,151 90.368 111.524 Service fees 58,387 Deposit 65.518 62.843 60.722 58,326 11,321 13,021 15,331 10,888 Credit card and merchant 8,918 9,649 13,133 Corporate finance 13,415 14,592 12,384 10,113 13,021 12,331 10,311 9,342 11,839 12,326 6,062 5,406 8,211 8,296 13,642 11,587 Brokerage Consumer 13,458 14,821 6,599 6,764 8,465 6,772 Insurance 9,473 Other 8.546 Total service fees 130,269 130,803 123,283 119,091 121,472 Mortgage banking 30,215 29,772 31,126 10,745 9,672 12,258 10,649 11,414 1,339 Servicing 29,038 28,488 1,046 9,893 Sale of servicing 350 Marketing 6,594 35,982 39,427 51,609 50,858 44,723 31,491 30,490 54,273 26,184 27,740 Total mortgage banking Total noninterest income before securities 318,619 312,244 338,282 305,284 284,303 2,943 (288,958) 44 7,966 1,254 transactions Net securities gains (losses) Total \$321,562 \$23,286 \$338,326 \$313,250 \$285,557 \_\_\_\_\_

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NONINTEREST EXPENSES

Three months ended December 31 September 30 June 30 1995 1995 1995 March 31 1995 1996 1995 <S> <C> \$228,233 Compensation Employee benefits 50,424 ....... 266,962 269,279 265,415 263,401 42,424 46,542 45,771 45,661 Total staff expense 278,657 Net occupancy 50,572 38,766 23,855 42,711 45,639 40,188 41,073 Equipment 26,094 41,387 23,335 Intangible assets and MSR amortization 23,664 1,470 Federal deposit insurance 3,190 7,662 24,217 24,320

Taxes other than income Other	14,630 152,222	13,796 148,031	12,856 151,006	13,107 131,532	13,098 142,463
Total noninterest expense before special charges Special charges	565,646	565,901 259,926	547,435	542,663	553,351
Total	\$565 <b>,</b> 646	\$825,827	\$547,435	\$542,663	\$553,351

PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheet

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Dollars in millions, except share data	March 31 1996	December 31 1995	March 31 1995
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
ASSETS	40.054	+0.680	+0.400
Cash and due from banks	\$3,251		\$3,490
Short-term investments	1,170		1,253
Loans held for sale Securities available for sale	1,369		437 3,915
Investment securities, fair value of \$18,846	14,692	13,839	19,572
Loans, net of unearned income of \$380, \$403 and \$389	48,800	48,653	44,192
Allowance for credit losses	(1,225)		
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Net loans	47,575		
Goodwill and other intangibles	1,019	997	742
Mortgage servicing rights	316	268	287
Other	3,276	2,957	3,180
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Total assets	\$72,668	\$73,404	\$75 <b>,</b> 750
LIABILITIES			
Deposits			
Noninterest-bearing	\$9 <b>,</b> 899	\$10 <b>,</b> 707	\$9 <b>,</b> 177
Interest-bearing	35,722	36,192	34,421
Total deposits Borrowed funds		46,899	43,598
Federal funds purchased	3,434		2,987
Repurchase agreements	2,754	2,851	7,981
Commercial paper	447	753	825
Other	1,369	1,244	2,996
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Total borrowed funds	8,004	,	14,789
Notes and debentures Other	11,448	10,398	9,972
Jther	1,809	1,674	1,633
Total liabilities	66,882	67 <b>,</b> 636	69,992
SHAREHOLDERS' EOUITY			
Preferred stock	1	1	51
Common stock-\$5 par value			
Authorized: 450,000,000 shares			
Issued: 341,858,521, 340,863,348 and 344,209,552 shares	1,709	1,704	1,721
Capital surplus	563	545	694
Retained earnings	3,689	3,571	3,620
Deferred benefit expense	(77)	(79)	
Net unrealized securities gains (losses)	(98)	26	(68
Common stock held in treasury at cost:			
15,291 and 7,598,485 shares	(1)	_	(177
Total shareholders' equity	5,786	5,768	5,758
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$72,668	\$73,404	\$75,750
COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$5 <b>,</b> 769	\$5 <b>,</b> 750	\$5 <b>,</b> 690

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PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES Condensed Consolidated Average Balance Sheet

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Three months ended In millions		December 31 1995	September 30 1995	June 30 1995	March 31 1995
<s> ASSETS</s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Interest-earning assets Short-term investments Securities available for sale Investment securities Loans, net of unearned income	\$1,102 14,818	\$950 9,349 10,101	3,222	\$1,042 3,754 19,383	\$1,333 4,206 19,778
Consumer Residential mortgage Commercial Commercial real estate Other	16,806 4,885	5,029	11,822 11,066 15,914 5,096 1,748	10,629 15,620 5,016	11,520 10,060 15,139 5,034 1,957
Total loans, net of unearned income Other interest-earning assets	48,625 1,160	48,304 977	45,646 952	44,765 551	43,710 459
Total interest-earning assets Other		69.681	69,458 5,808	69,495	
Total assets	\$71,733	\$75 <b>,</b> 707	\$75,266	\$75,343	\$74,841
LIABILITIES Interest-bearing liabilities Deposits Borrowed funds Notes and debentures	\$35,872 7,823 11,068		\$35,945 14,016 8,829	\$35,407 14,140 9,586	\$34,954 13,902 10,109
Total interest-bearing liabilities Noninterest-bearing deposits Other	54,763 9,681 1,525	58,725 9,639 1,450	58,790 9,132 1,542	59,133 8,958 1,525	58,965 8,713 1,453
Total liabilities			69,464		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	5,764	5,893	5,802	5,727	5,710
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$71,733	\$75,707	\$75,266	\$75,343	\$74,841
COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$5 <b>,</b> 747	,	\$5 <b>,</b> 784	,	\$5,641

PNC BANK CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES Asset Quality Data

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LOAN PORTFOLIO

March 31	December 31	September 30	June 30	March 31
1996	1995	1995	1995	1995
<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
\$13 <b>,</b> 566	\$13,539	\$11,954	\$11,930	\$11,641
11,620	11,689	11,444	10,999	10,518
16,950	16,812	15,789	16,010	15,401
2,737	2,775	2,799	2,838	2,833
2,137	2,139	2,261	2,233	2,153
2,170	2,102	2,044	1,874	2,035
49,180	49,056	46,291	45,884	44,581
(380)	(403)	(390)	(393)	(389)
\$48,800	\$48,653	\$45,901	\$45,491	\$44,192
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ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES					
Three months ended In millions	March 31	December 31	September 30	June 30	March 31
	1996	1995	1995	1995	1995
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Beginning balance	\$1,259	\$1,285	\$1,300	\$1,318	\$1,352
Charge-offs	(55)	(77)	(48)	(53)	(62)
Recoveries	21	22	31	27	26
Net charge-offs Provision for credit losses Acquisitions Ending balance	(34) \$1,225	(55) 1 28 \$1,259	(17) 2 \$1,285	(26) 2 6	(36) 1 1  \$1,318

# NONPERFORMING ASSETS

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To willian a	March 31	December 31	September 30	June 30	March 31
In millions	1996	1995	1995	1995	1995
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Nonaccrual loans					
Commercial	\$141	\$118	\$126	\$148	\$193
Commercial real estate					
Commercial mortgage	116	108	109	113	107
Real estate project	40	45	89	103	81
Consumer	7	10	17	14	16
Residential mortgage	51	54	55	54	54
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Total nonaccrual loans	355	335	396	432	451
Restructured loans	17	23	45	45	46
Total nonperforming loans	372	358	441	477	497
Foreclosed assets					
Commercial real estate	98	105	115	119	122
Residential	26	24	25	26	29
Other	44	49	50	51	54
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Total foreclosed assets	168	178	190	196	205
Total nonperforming assets	\$540	\$536	\$631	\$673	\$702

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