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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-KSB

ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005  
or

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 0-26570

1ST INDEPENDENCE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
(Name of small business issuer in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

61-1284899  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

104 South Chiles Street  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky  
(Address of principal executive offices)

40330-1620  
(Zip Code)

Issuer's telephone number, including area code: (502)753-0500

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act: None  
Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act:  
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share  
(Title of Class)

Check whether the issuer is not required to file reports pursuant to  
Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by  
Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such  
shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2)  
has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Check if there is no disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item  
405 of Regulation S-B contained in this form, and no disclosure will be  
contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or  
information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB  
or any amendment to this Form 10-KSB.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as  
defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Registrant's revenues for the year ended December 31, 2005 were \$25.4  
million.

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The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price of the registrant's common stock as quoted on the NASDAQ National Market on March 15, 2006, was approximately \$31.2 million.

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of March 15, 2006 was 1,962,158.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The information required by Part III of this Report on Form 10-KSB, to the extent not set forth herein, is incorporated herein by reference to the registrant's definitive proxy statement to be filed in connection with the annual meeting of stockholders to be held May 18, 2006.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (Check one): Yes  No

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISK FACTORS

This filing, like many written and oral communications presented by the Registrant (as defined herein) and its authorized officials, may contain certain forward-looking statements regarding the Registrant's prospective performance and strategies within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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The Registrant intends such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and is including this statement for purposes of said safe harbor provisions.

Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe future plans, strategies, and expectations of the Registrant, are generally identified by use of the words "plan," "believe," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "project," or similar expressions. The Registrant's ability to predict results or the actual effects of its plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from anticipated results.

The factors that could have a material adverse effect on the operations of the Registrant include, but are not limited to: changes in general economic conditions; interest rates, deposit flows, loan demand, real estate values, competition and demand for financial services and loan, deposit, and investment products in the Registrant's local markets; changes in the quality of composition of the loan or investment portfolios; changes in accounting principles, policies, or guidelines; changes in legislation and regulation; changes in the monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. Government, including policies of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board; war or terrorist activities; and other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, geopolitical, and technological factors affecting the Registrant's operations, pricing, and services.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this filing. Except as required by applicable law or regulation, the Registrant undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date on which such statements were made.

### PART I

#### Item 1. Description of Business.

##### General

1st Independence Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company") was organized as a Delaware corporation in June 1995, and was formerly known as Harrodsburg First Financial Bancorp, Inc. On July 9, 2004, the Company changed its name to 1st Independence Financial Group, Inc. and acquired the remaining 77.5% interest of Independence Bancorp, New Albany, Indiana ("Independence") in a purchase transaction calling for the exchange of one share of its common stock for each share of Independence common stock held by Independence shareholders (the "Merger"). The Company had initially acquired 22.5% of Independence on December 31, 2002. Upon completion of the Merger, the Company issued approximately 696,000 shares to the Independence shareholders and exchanged approximately 60,000 stock options held by directors, executive officers, and employees of Independence. Additionally, as previously disclosed, the Company changed its fiscal year-end from September 30 to December 31.

In connection with the Merger, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, First Financial Bank, and Independence's wholly owned subsidiary, 1st Independence Bank, merged their operations (the "Bank Merger"). The Bank Merger occurred at the same time as the Merger and the resulting institution became a Kentucky state-chartered bank known as 1st Independence Bank, Inc. (the "Bank").

The Bank currently serves its customers through a network of eight branch offices located in Harrodsburg, Lawrenceburg and Louisville (Stony Brook main office branch and St. Matthews branch office), Kentucky and New Albany, Jeffersonville, Marengo and Clarksville, Indiana. The Bank also operates a mortgage division, 1st Independence Mortgage, which originates one-to-four family residential mortgage loans. 1st Independence Mortgage operates throughout the Bank's branch network. The Bank also offers limited trust services. On November 1, 2004, the Bank formed a title insurance company, Foundation Title Company, LLC, located in Jeffersonville, Indiana. The Company decided to exit the title insurance business at the end of November 2005 and sold the title

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insurance company at its carrying value.

The Company provides commercial and retail banking services, with an emphasis on commercial real estate loans, one-to-four family residential mortgage loans via 1st Independence Mortgage, home equity loans and lines of credit and consumer loans as well as certificates of deposit, checking accounts, money-market accounts and savings accounts within its market area. At December 31, 2005, the Company had total assets, deposits and equity of \$336.2 million, \$264.3 million, and \$38.3 million, respectively. The Company's business is conducted principally through the Bank. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Company refer collectively to the Company and the Bank and its subsidiaries.

In January 2005, the Company completed the sale of its entire interest in its majority owned subsidiary, Citizens Financial Bank, Inc., Glasgow, Kentucky ("Citizens") to Porter Bancorp, Inc., Shepherdsville, Kentucky ("Porter Bancorp") for \$2.3 million. The sale of Citizens reflected the Company's revised strategic plan to exit the south central Kentucky market and to focus on the growing markets of southern Indiana, central Kentucky, and greater Louisville, Kentucky. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-lived Assets", at September 30, 2004 the Company reclassified its investment in Citizens as an available-for-sale asset and recognized an after tax loss of approximately \$239,000. In a related transaction the Company's subsidiary bank, 1st Independence Bank, Inc., purchased in January 2005 a commercial building located in Louisville, Kentucky, for \$2.3 million from Ascencia Bank, Inc., an affiliate of Porter Bancorp, Inc. The Bank moved its finance and accounting, loan and deposit operations, and mortgage banking operations into the building in April 2005. The Bank also received regulatory approval during the second quarter of 2005 to establish a full service branch at this location which it opened in November 2005. See note 4 to the Company's consolidated financial statements, presented herein, for additional information. Additionally, the financial tables also presented herein, have been revised to reflect the discontinued operations of Citizens prior to the sale.

### Market Area and Competition

The competition for deposit products comes from other insured financial institutions such as commercial banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, and multi-state regional banks in the Company's market area of Anderson, Jefferson, and Mercer Counties in Kentucky and Floyd, Clark and Crawford Counties in Indiana. Deposit competition also includes a number of insurance products sold by local agents and investment products such as mutual funds and other securities sold by local and regional brokers. Loan competition varies depending upon market conditions and comes from other insured financial institutions such as commercial banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, multi-state regional banks, and mortgage bankers.

Analysis of Loan Portfolio. The following table (in thousands except percentages) sets forth information concerning the composition of the Company's loan portfolio in dollar amounts and in percentages of the total loan portfolio as of the dates indicated. Loan balances related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated.

		December 31,					
		2005		2004		2003	
		Amount	Percent of Total loans	Amount	Percent of Total loans	Amount	Percent of Total loans
Real estate:							
Commercial		\$ 46,731	17%	\$ 35,746	15%	\$13,128	16%
						\$13,005	

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Residential	128,949	48	125,433	53	61,495	73	70,899
Construction	51,877	19	33,600	14	2,977	3	3,749
Commercial	23,757	9	21,040	9	3,365	4	2,181
Consumer							
Home equity	16,615	6	16,672	7	1,963	2	1,630
Other	1,960	1	3,706	2	1,327	2	1,607
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Total loans	269,889	100%	236,197	100%	84,255	100%	93,071
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Less: allowance for loan losses	2,911		2,549		391		390
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Loans, net	\$266,978		\$233,648		\$83,864		\$92,681
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Loans held for sale	\$1,278		\$2,344		\$ -		\$ -
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Loan Maturity Tables

The following table (in thousands) sets forth the maturity of the Company's loan portfolio at December 31, 2005. The table does not include prepayments or scheduled principal repayments. Adjustable-rate mortgage loans are shown as maturing based on contractual maturities.

	Due within 1 year ----	Due after 1 through 5 years -----	Due after 5 years -----	Total -----
Real estate:				
Commercial	\$11,878	\$15,946	\$ 18,907	\$ 46,731
Residential	14,769	18,553	95,627	128,949
Construction	31,918	14,462	5,497	51,877
Commercial	13,361	5,899	4,497	23,757
Consumer	1,349	15,462	1,764	18,575
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Total	\$73,275	\$70,322	\$126,292	\$269,889
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The following table (in thousands) sets forth as of December 31, 2005 the dollar amount of all loans that are due after December 31, 2006 and have either fixed rates of interest or floating or adjustable interest rates.

	Fixed rates -----	Floating or adjustable rates -----	Total -----
Real estate:			
Commercial	\$10,038	\$ 24,815	\$ 34,853
Residential	30,593	83,587	114,180
Construction	3,466	16,493	19,959
Commercial	6,002	4,394	10,396
Consumer	1,851	15,375	17,226
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Total	\$51,950	\$144,664	\$196,614
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Commercial Real Estate Loans. Since the completion of the Merger, the Company has changed the composition of its loan portfolio to emphasize commercial real estate loans in order to enhance yields on its assets. The commercial real estate loans originated are generally made to individuals, small businesses and partnerships located in the Company's primary market area. Such

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loans are generally secured by first mortgages on apartment buildings, office buildings, churches and other properties. Adjustable-rate loans for this type of lending have a margin that is 50 to 150 basis points higher than the margin added to single-family owner-occupied property loans. Commercial real estate loans are adjustable-rate loans with terms of 30 years or less and loan-to-value ratios typically not exceeding 80%. At December 31, 2005, commercial real estate loans totaled approximately \$46.7 million or 17% of the total loan portfolio.

Commercial real estate lending entails significant additional risks as compared to one- to four-family residential lending. For example, such loans typically involve large loans to single borrowers or related borrowers, the payment experience on such loans is typically dependent on the successful operation of the project, and these risks can be significantly affected by the supply and demand conditions in the market for commercial property.

Loans secured by commercial real estate generally involve a greater degree of risk than residential mortgage loans and carry larger loan balances. This increased credit risk is a result of several factors, including the concentration of principal in a limited number of loans and borrowers, the effects of general economic conditions on income producing properties, and the increased difficulty of evaluating and monitoring these types of loans. Furthermore, the repayment of loans secured by commercial real estate is typically dependent upon the successful operation of the related real estate project. If the cash flow from the project is reduced, the borrower's ability to repay the loan may be impaired. To minimize these risks, the Company generally limits loans of this type to its market area and to borrowers with which it has substantial experience and expertise in the commercial real estate market. The Company's underwriting procedures require verification of the borrower's credit history, income, financial statements, banking relationships, credit references, and income projections for the property. It is their current practice to obtain personal guarantees from all principals obtaining this type of loan. The Company also obtains appraisals on each property. All appraisals on commercial and multi-family real estate are reviewed by the Company's management.

Included in the commercial real estate loan category are agricultural loans. Since the completion of the Merger, the Company has de-emphasized the origination of agriculture loans. At December 31, 2005, agricultural loans totaled \$1.2 million, or less than one half of 1% of the Company's loan portfolio.

**Residential Loans.** The Company's residential loans consist of one- to four-family residential mortgage loans that are secured by property located in its primary market area. The Company generally originates one- to four-family residential mortgage loans without private mortgage insurance in amounts up to 85% of the lesser of the appraised value or selling price of the mortgaged property. Loans in excess of 89.9% of the value of the mortgaged property typically carry higher rates commensurate with the higher risk associated with this type of loan. At December 31, 2005, one-to four-family residential mortgage loans totaled approximately \$128.9 million, or 48% of the total loan portfolio.

The Company offers three types of residential adjustable rate mortgage loans, all of which use the index value of the Weekly Average Yield on United States Treasury Securities Adjusted to a Constant Maturity of One Year plus a set margin added to it. The interest rates on these loans have an initial adjustment period of between one and five years, and generally adjust annually thereafter, with a maximum adjustment of 2% per year and a maximum increase of 5% over the life of the loan. The index margin on a non owner-occupied one- to four-family property loan is generally 50 basis points higher than on an owner-occupied property loan. The Company's adjustable-rate one-to- four family and multi-family mortgage loans are for terms of up to 30 years, amortized on a monthly basis, with principal and interest due each month. Borrowers may refinance or prepay loans at their option without penalty. All fixed rate one-to-four family loans with a term of ten to thirty years are originated and sold on the secondary market through 1st Independence Mortgage. At December 31, 2005, loans held for sale totaled approximately \$1.3 million.

Loan originations are generally obtained from existing and walk-in

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customers, members of the local community, and referrals from realtors, builders, depositors and borrowers within the Company's market area. Mortgage loans originated and held by the Company in its portfolio generally include due-on-sale clauses which gives it the contractual right to deem the loan immediately due and payable in the event that the borrower sells or otherwise transfers an interest in the property to a third party.

During periods of rising interest rates, the risk of default on adjustable-rate loans may increase due to increases in interest costs to borrowers. Further, adjustable-rate loans that provide for initial rates of interest below the fully indexed rates may be subject to increased risk of delinquency or default as the higher, fully indexed rate of interest subsequently replaces the lower, initial rate.

**Construction and Land Development Loans.** The Company engages in construction lending involving loans to qualified borrowers for construction of one- to four-family dwellings, multi-family residential units, commercial buildings and churches, and single family subdivision land development loans with the intent of such loans converting to permanent financing upon completion of construction. All construction and development loans are secured by a first lien on the property under construction. Loan proceeds are disbursed in increments as construction progresses and as inspections warrant. At December 31, 2005, construction loans totaled approximately \$51.9 million, or 19%, of the Company's total loan portfolio.

Construction/permanent loans generally have adjustable or fixed interest rates and are underwritten in accordance with the same terms and requirements as permanent mortgages, except the loans generally provide for disbursement in stages during a construction period of up to twelve months, during which the borrower is not required to make monthly payments. If construction improvements are not completed at the end of six months, accrued interest must be paid to date. Accrued interest must be paid at completion of construction to the first day of the following month, and monthly payments start the first day of the following month if the loan is converted to permanent financing. Borrowers must satisfy all credit requirements that would apply to permanent mortgage loan financing for the subject property and must execute a construction loan agreement.

Construction financing generally is considered to involve a higher degree of risk of loss than long term financing on improved, occupied real estate. Risk of loss on a construction loan is dependent largely upon the accuracy of the initial estimate of the property's value at completion of construction or development and the estimated cost (including interest) of construction. During the construction phase, a number of factors could result in delays and cost overruns. If the estimate of construction cost proves to be inaccurate, the Company may be required to advance funds beyond the amount originally committed to permit completion of the development. The Company has sought to minimize this risk by requiring precise construction cost estimates, specifications, and drawing plans from qualified borrowers in their market area along with tighter underwriting guidelines relating to borrower cash flow and net worth.

**Commercial Loans.** The Company originates fixed-rate and adjustable-rate commercial loans secured by commercial properties. These loans are originated with maximum loan-to-value ratios of 80% of the value of the respective property. At December 31, 2005, commercial loans totaled approximately \$23.8 million, or 9%, of the total loan portfolio.

Loans secured by commercial properties generally have larger balances and involve a greater degree of risk than one- to four-family residential mortgage loans. Of primary concern in commercial lending are the borrower's creditworthiness and the feasibility and cash flow potential of the project. Payments on loans secured by income properties often depend on successful operation and management of the properties. As a result, repayment of such loans may be subject to a greater extent than residential real estate loans to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. To monitor cash flows on income properties, the Company requires borrowers and loan guarantors, if any, to provide annual financial statements on commercial loans. In reaching a

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decision on whether to make a commercial loan, the Company considers the net operating income of the property, the borrower's expertise, credit history and profitability and the value of the underlying property. The Company generally requires an environmental survey for all commercial loans over \$500,000.

**Consumer Lending.** The Company originates consumer loans on either a secured or unsecured basis. The Company generally makes certificate of deposit loans for terms of up to the terms of the certificate of deposit collateralizing the loan and up to the face amount of the certificate. The interest rate charged on these loans is up to 2% higher than the rate paid on the certificate, and interest is changed on a quarterly basis. These loans are payable on demand and the account must be assigned to the Company as collateral for the loan. At December 31, 2005, consumer loans totaled approximately \$18.6 million, or 7%, of the total loan portfolio.

Consumer loans may entail greater risk than residential loans, particularly in the case of consumer loans that are unsecured or secured by assets that depreciate rapidly. Repossessed collateral for a defaulted consumer loan may not be sufficient for repayment of the outstanding loan, and the remaining deficiency may not be collectible.

**Loan Approval Authority and Underwriting.** The Company has established various lending limits for its officers and maintains a loan committee that consists of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank, the Executive Vice President - Commercial Banking, the Executive Vice President - Retail Banking and six other senior officers of the Bank. Any two officers may join together to approve loans, but only to the limit of the higher authority of the two officers. The loan committee approves loans that exceed the limits established for individual officers and may approve secured loans of up to \$1,500,000 and unsecured loans up to \$10,000. In January 2005, the loan policy was amended to provide for two classes of secured loans. Class I loans are those secured by investment grade securities, securities listed on the major stock exchanges, deposit accounts, life insurance cash surrender value, and real estate mortgages meeting certain loan to value ratios. Class II loans consist of all other asset-based lending. The loan committee may approve Class I and Class II loans of \$3,000,000 and \$2,000,000, respectively. At the same time, approval limits for unsecured loans were increased to \$25,000. The Bank's directors' loan committee, which consists of four outside Bank directors, must approve all loans that exceed the lending limits of the loan committee.

For all loans originated by the Company, upon receipt of a completed loan application from a prospective borrower, a credit report is generally ordered, income and certain other information is verified and, if necessary, additional financial information is requested. An appraisal of the real estate intended to be used as security for the proposed loan is obtained. All appraisals are reviewed by the Bank's loan officers designated by the Bank's Board of Directors. An independent appraiser designated and approved by the Bank's Board of Directors is utilized for all real estate mortgage loans. For construction/permanent loans, the funds advanced during the construction phase are disbursed based upon various stages of completion in accordance with the results of inspection reports that are based upon physical inspection of the construction by an independent contractor hired by the Bank or in some cases by an officer of the Bank. For real estate loans, the Bank requires either title insurance or a title opinion. Borrowers must also obtain fire and casualty, hazard or flood insurance (for loans on property located in a flood zone, flood insurance is required) prior to the closing of the loan.

**Loan Commitments.** The Company issues written commitments to prospective borrowers on all approved commercial real estate loans in excess of \$100,000. Generally, the commitment requires acceptance within 20 days of the date of issuance. At December 31, 2005, the Company had approximately \$63 million of commitments to cover originations and unused lines of credit.

### Nonperforming and Problem Assets

**Loan Delinquencies.** The Company's collection procedures provide that when a loan is 10 days past due, a notice of nonpayment is sent. Delinquent notices are sent if the loan becomes delinquent for more than 30 days and



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generally the borrower will receive a letter or be personally contacted by an officer of the Bank. If payment is still delinquent after 60 days, the customer will again receive a letter and/or telephone call and may receive a visit from an officer representative of the Bank. If the delinquency continues, similar subsequent efforts are made to eliminate the delinquency. If the loan continues in a delinquent status for 90 days past due and no repayment plan is in effect, management will generally initiate legal proceedings.

Loans are reviewed on a monthly basis by management and are generally placed on a non-accrual status when the loan becomes more than 90 days delinquent and, in the opinion of management, the collection of additional interest is doubtful. Interest accrued and unpaid at the time a loan is placed on non-accrual status is charged against interest income. Subsequent interest payments are applied to the outstanding principal balance.

Nonperforming Assets. The following table (in thousands except percentages) sets forth information regarding nonaccrual loans, other real estate owned and certain other repossessed assets and loans. Nonperforming asset balances related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated. Additionally, as of the dates indicated, the Company had no loans categorized as troubled debt restructurings within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 15 and impaired loans within the meaning of SFAS No. 114, as amended by SFAS No. 118, were approximately \$514,000 at December 31, 2005.

	December 31,			September 30,	
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Nonaccrual loans	\$1,140	\$ 893	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more	130	332	472	334	222
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total nonperforming loans	1,270	1,225	472	334	222
Other real estate owned	-	-	-	233	-
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Total nonperforming assets	\$1,270	\$1,225	\$472	\$567	\$222
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total nonperforming loans to total loans	0.48%	0.52%	0.56%	0.36%	0.22%
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total nonperforming assets to total assets	0.38%	0.41%	0.36%	0.45%	0.18%
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In addition to the nonperforming loans discussed above, there were loans for which payments were current or less than 90 days past due where borrowers are experiencing financial difficulties. At December 31, 2005, these loans totaled approximately \$4.8 million. These loans are monitored by management and considered in determining the level of the allowance for loan losses. Management does not believe these loans represent a significant exposure to loss.

Classified Assets. Federal regulations provide for a classification system for problem assets of insured institutions that covers all problem assets. Under this classification system, problem assets of insured institutions are classified as "substandard," "doubtful," or "loss." An asset is considered substandard if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Substandard assets include those characterized by the "distinct possibility" that the insured institution will sustain "some loss" if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as doubtful have all of the weaknesses inherent in those

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classified substandard, with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make "collection or liquidation in full," on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values, "highly questionable and improbable." Assets classified as loss are those considered "uncollectible" and of such little value that their continuance as assets without the establishment of a specific loss reserve is not warranted. Assets may be designated "special mention" because of potential weaknesses that do not currently warrant classification in one of the aforementioned categories.

When an insured institution classifies problem assets as either substandard or doubtful, it may establish general allowances for loan losses in an amount deemed prudent by management. General allowances represent loss allowances which have been established to recognize the inherent risk associated with lending activities, but which, unlike specific allowances, have not been allocated to particular problem assets. When an insured institution classifies problem assets as loss, it is required either to establish a specific allowance for losses equal to 100% of that portion of the asset so classified or to charge off such amount. The Company's determination as to the classification of its assets and the amount of its valuation allowances is subject to review by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the Kentucky Office of Financial Institutions which may order the establishment of additional general or specific loss allowances. A portion of general loss allowances established to cover possible losses related to assets classified as substandard or doubtful may be included in determining an institution's regulatory capital, while specific valuation allowances for loan losses generally do not qualify as regulatory capital.

Allowance for Loan Losses. It is management's policy to provide for losses on loans in its loan portfolio. A provision for loan losses is charged to operations based on management's evaluation of the losses that may be incurred in the Company's loan portfolio. Such evaluation, which includes a review of all loans of which full collectibility of interest and principal may not be reasonably assured, considers the Company's past loan loss experience, known and inherent risks in the portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, current economic conditions, and the relationship of the allowance for loan losses to outstanding loans.

The following table (in thousands except percentages) sets forth information with respect to the Company's allowance for loan losses at the dates and for the periods indicated below. Balances related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated.

	Year ended December 31,	Three months ended December 31,	Years Septem	
	----- 2005 ----	----- 2004 ----	----- 2004 ----	----- 2003 ----
Allowance for loan losses				
Balance at beginning of period	\$2,549	\$2,560	\$ 391	\$390
Acquisition of Independence	-	-	1,046	-
Provision for loan losses	354	-	1,203	2
Net charge-offs (recoveries):				
Residential	(11)	9	(2)	1
Commercial	2	-	67	-
Consumer	1	2	15	-
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Balance at end of period	\$2,911	\$2,549	\$2,560	\$391
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Total loans outstanding	\$269,889	\$236,197	\$213,719	\$84,796
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Average loans outstanding	\$257,333	\$224,201	\$112,844	\$84,335
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Allowance for loan losses to period-end loans	1.08%	1.08%	1.20%	0.46%
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Net loans charged off to average loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%	0.00%
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Management will continue to review the entire loan portfolio to determine the extent, if any, to which further additional loss provisions may be deemed necessary. There can be no assurance that the allowance for loan losses will be adequate to cover losses that may in fact be realized in the future and that additional provisions for losses will not be required.

Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses

The following table (in thousands except percentages) sets forth the allocation of the allowance by category, which management believes can be allocated only on an approximate basis. The allocation of the allowance to each category is not necessarily indicative of future loss and does not restrict the use of the allowance to absorb losses in any category. Balances related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated.

	December 31,							
	2005		2004		2003		2002	
	Amount	Percent of Total loans	Amount	Percent of Total loans	Amount	Percent of Total loans	Amount	Percent of Total loans
Real estate:								
Commercial	\$ 715	17%	\$ 651	15%	\$ 61	16%	\$ 54	16%
Residential	581	48	255	53	285	73	298	73
Construction	153	19	358	14	14	3	16	4
Commercial	859	9	957	9	16	4	9	9
Consumer	603	7	328	9	15	4	13	13
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Total allowance for loan losses	\$2,911	100%	\$2,549	100%	\$391	100%	\$390	100%
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Return on Equity and Assets Ratios

Ratios have been adjusted to reflect the discontinued operations of Citizens.

	Year ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended December 31, 2004	Year ended September 30, 2004	Year ended September 30, 2003
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Average equity to average assets	11.59%	12.76%	14.79%	16.08%
Return on average equity	11.92	2.51	(4.58)	5.65
Return on average assets	1.38	0.32	(0.68)	0.91
Dividend payout ratio	16.83	0.00	(46.75)	61.28

### Investment Activities

The Company is required under federal regulations to maintain a sufficient amount of liquid assets that may be invested in specified short-term securities and certain other investments. However, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") does not prescribe by regulation to a minimum or percentage of liquid assets. The level of liquid assets varies depending upon several factors, including: (i) the yields on investment alternatives, (ii) management's judgment as to the attractiveness of the yields then available in relation to other opportunities, (iii) expectation of future yield levels, and (iv) management's projections as to the short-term demand for funds to be used in loan origination and other activities. Investment securities, including mortgage-backed securities, are classified at the time of purchase, based upon management's intentions and abilities, as securities held to maturity or securities available for sale. Debt securities acquired with the intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held to maturity and are stated at cost and adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, which are computed using the level yield method and recognized as adjustments of interest income. All other debt securities are classified as available for sale to serve principally as a source of liquidity.

Current regulatory and accounting guidelines regarding investment securities (including mortgage backed securities) require the Company to categorize securities as "held to maturity," "available for sale" or "trading." As of December 31, 2005, the Company had securities (including mortgage-backed securities) classified as "held to maturity" and "available for sale" in the amount of \$2.0 million and \$16.1 million, respectively and had no securities classified as "trading." Securities classified as "available for sale" are reported for financial reporting purposes at the fair market value with net changes in the fair market value from period to period included as a separate component of stockholders' equity, net of income taxes. At December 31, 2005, the Company's securities available for sale had an amortized cost of \$16.3 million and fair market value of \$16.1 million. Changes in the fair market value of securities available for sale do not affect the Company's net income. In addition, changes in the fair market value of securities available for sale do not affect the Bank's regulatory capital requirements or its loan-to-one borrower limit.

At December 31, 2005, the Company's investment portfolio policy allowed investments in instruments such as: (i) U.S. Treasury obligations, (ii) U.S. federal agency or federally sponsored agency obligations, (iii) local municipal obligations, (iv) mortgage-backed securities, (v) banker's acceptances, (vi) certificates of deposit, (vii) equity investments, and (viii) investment grade corporate bonds and commercial paper. The board of directors may authorize additional investments.

As a source of liquidity and to supplement the Company's lending activities, the Company has invested in residential mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage-backed securities can serve as collateral for borrowings and, through repayments, as a source of liquidity. Mortgage-backed securities represent a participation interest in a pool of single-family or other type of mortgages. Principal and interest payments are passed from the mortgage originators, through intermediaries (generally quasi-governmental agencies) that pool and repackage the participation interests in the form of securities to investors.

Mortgage-backed securities typically are issued with stated principal amounts. The securities are backed by pools of mortgages that have loans with interest rates that are within a set range and have varying maturities. The underlying pool of mortgages can be composed of either fixed rate or adjustable rate mortgage loans. Mortgage-backed securities are generally referred to as

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mortgage participation certificates or pass-through certificates. The interest rate risk characteristics of the underlying pool of mortgages (i.e., fixed rate or adjustable rate) and the prepayment risk, are passed on to the certificate holder. The life of a mortgage-backed pass-through security is equal to the life of the underlying mortgages. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities due to scheduled repayments and because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without prepayment penalties.

Mortgage-backed securities issued by quasi-governmental agencies, make up a majority of the pass-through certificates market.

At December 31, 2005, the Company's securities portfolio did not contain securities of any issuer, other than those issued by U.S. government or its agencies, with an aggregate book value in excess of 10% of the Company's equity.

Investment Portfolio. The following table (in thousands) sets forth the carrying value of the Company's investment securities at the dates indicated. Balances related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated.

	December 31,			September 30
	2005	2004	2003 (1)	2002
Investment securities available for sale:				
Mortgage-backed	\$11,556	\$18,011	\$21,138	\$ 8,034
U.S. government and federal agencies	1,974	2,525	1,502	-
Municipal bonds	2,610	505	-	-
Equity	-	5,682	4,496	4,309
Total	\$16,140	\$26,723	\$27,136	\$12,343
Investment securities held to maturity:				
Mortgage-backed	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. government and federal agencies	-	-	3,059	2,007
Municipal bonds	1,975	2,148	1,917	214
Total	\$ 1,975	\$ 2,150	\$ 4,976	\$ 2,221
Total investment securities	\$18,115	\$28,873	\$32,112	\$14,564

(1) December 31, 2003 amount does not reflect the Company's 22.5% equity investment in Independence.

Investment Portfolio Maturities. The following table sets forth information regarding the scheduled maturities, carrying values, market value and weighted average yields for the Company's investment securities portfolio at December 31, 2005. The following table does not take into consideration the effects of scheduled repayments or the effects of possible prepayments.

December 31, 2005			
One Year or Less	More Than One to Five Years	More Than Five to Ten Years	More Than Ten Years

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	Carrying Value	Average Yield	Carrying Value	Average Yield	Carrying Value	Average Yield	Carrying Value
<b>Available-for-sale securities:</b>							
Mortgage-backed securities	\$ -	-%	\$ 211	6.15%	\$5,027	4.65%	\$6,3
U.S government and federal agencies	-	-	1,974	4.17	-	-	-
Municipal bonds	-	-	183	2.15	420	3.55%	2,0
Equity securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-%</b>	<b>\$2,368</b>	<b>4.19%</b>	<b>\$5,447</b>	<b>4.57%</b>	<b>\$8,3</b>
<b>Held-to-maturity securities:</b>							
Mortgage-backed securities	\$ -	-%	\$ -	-%	\$ -	-%	\$ -
Municipal bonds	5	5.25	135	4.97	1,460	4.21	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>5.25%</b>	<b>\$ 135</b>	<b>4.97%</b>	<b>\$1,460</b>	<b>4.21%</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>

Sources of Funds

General. Deposits are the major external source of the Company's funds for lending and other investment purposes. The Company derives funds from amortization and prepayment of loans and, to a much lesser extent, maturities of investment securities, borrowings, mortgage-backed securities and operations. Scheduled loan principal repayments are a relatively stable source of funds, while deposit inflows and outflows and loan prepayments are significantly influenced by general interest rates and market conditions.

Deposits. Consumer and commercial deposits are attracted principally from within the Company's primary market area through the offering of a selection of deposit instruments including regular savings accounts, money market accounts, and term certificate accounts. Deposit account terms vary according to the minimum balance required, the time period the funds must remain on deposit, and the interest rate, among other factors. At December 31, 2005, the Company had brokered deposits totaling \$59.6 million.

The following table (in thousands) sets forth the amount of the Company's certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more by time remaining until maturity as of December 31, 2005.

	Amount
3 months or less	\$35,620
Over 3 through 6 months	10,395
Over 6 through 12 months	14,163
Over 12 months	8,784
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$68,962</b>

The following table (in thousands except rates) sets forth the Company's average balances and interest rates for interest-bearing demand deposits and time deposits for the periods indicated. Balances related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated.

Year ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended December 31, 2004	Three months ended December 31, 2003
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	Average balance -----	Average rate ----	Average balance -----	Average rate ----	Average balance -----	Average rate ----
Demand and savings	\$ 59,520	1.85%	\$ 48,633	1.15%	\$ 18,783	1.18%
Time	177,801	3.24	155,491	2.61	84,840	2.98
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	\$237,321	2.89	\$204,124	2.27	\$103,623	2.65
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Short-Term Borrowings. Deposits are the primary source of funds for the Company's lending and investment activities and for its general business purposes. The Company can also obtain advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati ("FHLB") and other short-term borrowings, such as federal funds purchased and issuance of securities sold under repurchase agreements to supplement its supply of lendable funds and to also supplement short-term liquidity. A pledge of the Bank's stock in the FHLB and a portion of its first mortgage loans typically secure FHLB advances. At December 31, 2005, the Company's short-term borrowings totaled \$18.7 million; of which \$18.0 million were short-term FHLB advances. See note 11 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information.

Information regarding short-term FHLB advances follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2005 ----	Three months ended December 31, 2004 ----	Three months ended December 31, 2003 ----	Year Sept 2
Amount outstanding:				
Period end	\$18,000	\$22,500	\$ -	\$4
Maximum month end balance during period	28,000	22,500	-	6
Average balance during Period	16,541	19,575	-	2
Weighted average interest rate:				
Period end	4.33%	2.42%	-%	
During the period	3.43	2.14	-	

Personnel

As of December 31, 2005, the Company had 81 full-time equivalent employees. None of the Company's employees are represented by a collective bargaining group. The Company believes that its relationship with its employees is good.

Regulation of the Company

General. The Company is a registered bank holding company subject to regulation under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHC Act"). In addition, the Company is subject to the provisions of Kentucky's banking laws regulating bank acquisitions and various activities of controlling bank shareholders. As a bank holding company, the Company is subject to regulation, supervision, and examination by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "FRB") and is required to file periodic reports with the FRB. The Kentucky Office of Financial Institutions ("KOFI") may also conduct examinations of the Company to determine whether it is in compliance with

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applicable Kentucky banking laws and regulations. In addition, the FRB has enforcement authority over the Company and any of its non-financial institution subsidiaries. This regulation and oversight is intended primarily for the protection of the depositors of the Bank and not for the benefit of the Company's stockholders.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which became effective in March 2001, permits greater affiliation among banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other companies under a new type of financial services company known as a "financial holding company." A financial holding company essentially is a bank holding company with significantly expanded powers. Financial holding companies are authorized by statute to engage in a number of financial activities previously impermissible for bank holding companies, including securities underwriting, dealing and market making; sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies; insurance underwriting and agency; and merchant banking activities. The act also permits the FRB and the Treasury Department to authorize additional activities for financial holding companies if they are "financial in nature" or "incidental" to financial activities. A bank holding company may become a financial holding company if each of its subsidiary banks is well capitalized, well managed, and has at least a "satisfactory" CRA rating. A financial holding company must provide notice to the FRB within 30 days after commencing activities previously determined by statute or by the FRB and the Department of the Treasury to be permissible. The Company has not submitted notice to the FRB of its intent to be deemed a financial holding company.

Regulatory Capital Requirements. The FRB has adopted capital adequacy guidelines pursuant to which it assesses the adequacy of capital in examining and supervising a bank holding company and in analyzing applications to it under the Bank Holding Company Act. The FRB's capital adequacy guidelines are similar to those imposed on the Bank. See "Regulation of the Bank - Regulatory Capital Requirements."

Restrictions on Dividends. The FRB has issued a policy statement on the payment of cash dividends by bank holding companies, which expresses the FRB's view that a bank holding company should pay cash dividends only to the extent that the holding company's net income for the past year is sufficient to cover both the cash dividends and a rate of earnings retention that is consistent with the holding company's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. The FRB also indicated that it would be inappropriate for a company experiencing serious financial problems to borrow funds to pay dividends. Accordingly, the Company's ability to pay dividends is dependent on the Bank's ability to pay dividends to the Company. Furthermore, under the federal prompt corrective action regulations, the FRB may prohibit a bank holding company from paying any dividends if the holding company's bank subsidiary is classified as "undercapitalized."

Acquisition of Banks. The BHC Act also requires a bank holding company to obtain prior approval from the FRB before acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any bank which is not already majority owned or controlled by that bank holding company. Acquisition of any additional banks would require prior approval from both the FRB and the KOFI.

Non-Banking Activities. A bank holding company is generally prohibited from engaging in, or acquiring, direct or indirect control of more than 5% of the voting securities of any company engaged in non-banking activities. One of the principal exceptions to this prohibition is for activities found by the FRB to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. Some of the principal activities that the FRB has determined by regulation to be so closely related to banking are: (i) making or servicing loans; (ii) performing certain data processing services; (iii) providing discount brokerage services; (iv) acting as fiduciary, investment or financial advisor; (v) leasing personal or real property; (vi) making investments in corporations or projects designed primarily to promote community welfare; and (vii) acquiring a savings and loan association.

Regulation of the Bank



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General. Set forth below is a brief description of certain laws that relate to the regulation of the Bank. The description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to applicable laws. The Bank is a Kentucky state-chartered stock-form commercial bank and its deposit accounts are insured under the Bank Insurance Fund ("BIF"), and through its acquisition of First Financial Bank, some of its deposits are insured by the Savings Association Insurance Fund ("SAIF"). The Bank is subject to extensive regulation and supervision by the KOFI as its chartering agency, and by the FDIC, as its deposit insurer. The Bank must file reports with the KOFI and the FDIC concerning its activities and financial condition, in addition to obtaining regulatory approvals prior to entering into certain transactions such as mergers with, or acquisitions of, other depository institutions. The deposits of the Bank are insured by the FDIC to the maximum extent provided by law.

Federal and Kentucky banking laws and regulations control, among other things, the Bank's required reserves, investments, loans, mergers and consolidations, issuance of securities, payment of dividends and other aspects of the Bank's operations. The regulatory structure also gives the respective regulatory authorities extensive discretion in connection with their supervisory and enforcement activities and examination policies, including policies with respect to the classification of assets and the establishment of adequate loan loss reserves for regulatory purposes. Supervision, regulation and examination of the Bank by the bank regulatory agencies are intended primarily for the protection of depositors rather than for holders of the Company's stock or for the Company as the holder of the stock of the Bank.

Insurance of Deposit Accounts. The Bank is a member of the BIF and, through its acquisition of First Financial Bank, also holds some deposits that are considered to be insured by the SAIF.

The FDIC has adopted a risk-based insurance assessment system. The FDIC assigns an institution to one of three capital categories, consisting of (1) well capitalized, (2) adequately capitalized, or (3) undercapitalized, and one of three supervisory subcategories within each capital group, based on the institution's financial information, as of the reporting period ending seven months before the assessment period. The supervisory subgroup to which an institution is assigned is based on the supervisory evaluation provided to the FDIC by the institution's primary federal regulator, and information which the FDIC determines to be relevant to the institution's financial condition and the risk posed to the deposit insurance funds. An institution's assessment rate depends on the capital category and supervisory category to which it is assigned. Assessment rates for both BIF and SAIF deposits are determined semiannually by the FDIC and currently range from zero basis points to 27 basis points.

The FDIC is authorized to raise the assessment rates in certain circumstances, including maintaining or achieving the designated reserve ratio of 1.25%, which requirement the BIF and SAIF currently meet.

The Deposit Insurance Funds Act of 1996 (the "Funds Act") among other things, spread the obligations for payment of the financing corporation ("FICO") bonds across all SAIF and BIF members. Prior to January 1, 2000, BIF members were assessed for FICO payments at approximately 20% of SAIF members. Full pro rata sharing of the FICO payments between BIF and SAIF members began on January 1, 2000.

Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, insurance of deposits may be terminated by the FDIC upon a finding that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations, or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule, order, or condition imposed by the FDIC. The Bank does not know of any practice, condition, or violation that might lead to the termination of deposit insurance.

Regulatory Capital Requirements. The FDIC has adopted regulations requiring institutions under their respective jurisdictions to maintain specified minimum ratios of capital to total assets and capital to risk-weighted assets. Specifically, all savings institutions and banks must maintain the following ratios: (1) Tier 1 or core capital equal to at least 4% (3% if the institution has received the highest rating on its most recent examination) of

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total adjusted assets; and (2) total capital (defined as Tier 1 capital plus supplementary Tier 2 capital) equal to 8% of total risk-weighted assets. In addition, savings institutions are required under applicable federal law to maintain tangible equity capital equal to at least 1.5% of total adjusted assets. At December 31, 2005, the Bank was in compliance with the capital requirements of the FDIC.

**Dividend and Other Capital Distribution Limitations.** The KOFI imposes restrictions on the ability of Kentucky commercial banks to pay dividends and to make other capital distributions. In general, banks are prohibited from paying any dividends or other capital distributions if, after the distribution, they would be undercapitalized under applicable federal law.

In addition, under applicable provisions of Kentucky law, the prior approval of the KOFI is required if the total of all dividends declared by the Bank in any calendar year exceeds its respective net profits, as defined, for that year combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two calendar years, less any required transfers to surplus or a fund for the retirement of any preferred stock. At January 1, 2006, the Bank could pay dividends to the Company of approximately \$5,278,000, without regulatory approval.

**Federal Home Loan Bank System.** The Bank is a member of the FHLB of Cincinnati, which is one of twelve (12) regional federal home loan banks that administer the home financing credit function of savings associations. Each FHLB serves as a reserve or central bank for its members within its assigned region. It is funded primarily from proceeds derived from the sale of consolidated obligations of the FHLB System. It makes loans to members (i.e., advances) in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors of the FHLB.

As a member, the Bank is required to purchase and maintain stock in the FHLB of Cincinnati in an amount equal to at least 1% of aggregate unpaid residential mortgage loans, home purchase contracts or similar obligations at the beginning of each year.

**Federal Reserve System.** The FRB requires all depository institutions to maintain non-interest bearing reserves at specified levels against their transaction accounts (primarily checking, NOW, and Super NOW checking accounts) and non-personal time deposits. At December 31, 2005, the Bank was in compliance with these FRB requirements.

### Transactions with Affiliates

Under current federal law, transactions between depository institutions, such as the Bank, and their affiliates are governed by Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act. An affiliate is any company or entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the financial institution, other than a subsidiary. Generally, a bank's subsidiaries are not treated as affiliates unless they are engaged in activities as principal that are not permissible for national banks. In a holding company context, at a minimum, the parent holding company of a bank, and any companies that are controlled by such parent holding company, are affiliates of the bank. Generally, Section 23A limits the extent to which the bank or its subsidiaries may engage in "covered transactions" with any one affiliate to an amount equal to 10% of such bank's capital stock and surplus, and contains an aggregate limit on all such transactions with all affiliates to an amount equal to 20% of such capital stock and surplus. The term "covered transaction" includes the making of loans or other extensions of credit to an affiliate; the purchase of assets from an affiliate; the purchase of, or an investment in, the securities of an affiliate; the acceptance of securities of an affiliate as collateral for a loan or extension of credit to any person; or issuance of a guarantee, acceptance, or letter of credit on behalf of an affiliate. Section 23A also establishes specific collateral requirements for loans or extensions of credit to, or guarantees, or acceptances on letters of credit issued on behalf of an affiliate. Section 23B requires that covered transactions and a broad list of other specified transactions be on terms substantially the same as or no less favorable to, the bank or its subsidiary as similar transactions with non-affiliates.

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The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 generally prohibits loans by the Company to its executive officers and directors. However, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act contains a specific exemption for loans made by the Bank to its executive officers and directors in compliance with federal banking laws. Section 22(h) of the Federal Reserve Act governs a bank's loans to directors, executive officers, and principal shareholders. Under Section 22(h), loans to directors, executive officers, and shareholders who control, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of voting securities of a bank, and certain related interests of any of the foregoing, may not exceed, together with all other outstanding loans to such persons and affiliated entities, the bank's total capital and surplus. Section 22(h) also prohibits loans above amounts prescribed by the appropriate federal banking agency to directors, executive officers, and shareholders who control 10% or more of voting securities of a bank, and their respective related interests, unless such loan is approved in advance by a majority of the board of directors of the bank. Any "interested" director may not participate in the voting. The loan amount (which includes all other outstanding loans to such person) as to which such prior board of director approval is required, is the greater of \$25,000 or 5% of capital and surplus or any loans over \$500,000. Further, pursuant to Section 22(h), loans to directors, executive officers, and principal shareholders must be made on terms substantially the same as those offered in comparable transactions to other persons. There is an exception for loans made pursuant to a benefit or compensation program that is widely available to all employees of the institution and does not give preference to executive officers over other employees. Section 22(g) of the Federal Reserve Act places additional limitations on loans to executive officers.

### Available Information

The Company files annual reports on Form 10-KSB, quarterly reports on Form 10-QSB, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such reports can be read and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at the Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D. C. 20549. Information regarding the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. These reports are also available at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You also may obtain electronic or paper copies of our reports free of charge by contacting John F. Barron, Senior Vice President and Controller, 1st Independence Financial Group, Inc., P.O. Box 206309, Louisville, Kentucky 40250-6309.

### Item 2. Description of Property.

#### (a) Properties

The Company's corporate office is located at 104 South Chiles Street in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. In addition, the Company occupies a building at 8620 Biggin Hill Lane in Louisville, Kentucky where the Company's finance and accounting, loan and deposit operations, mortgage operations and a full service banking office (Stony Brook Branch) are located. The Company conducts its banking business through eight full service banking offices located in Harrodsburg, Lawrenceburg and two locations in Louisville, Kentucky (St. Matthews Branch and Stony Brook Branch) and Jeffersonville, New Albany, Marengo and Clarksville, Indiana. 1st Independence Mortgage conducts its business throughout the Bank's branch network.

The location of the Company's properties, the approximate square footage and whether owned or leased is described in the following table:

Location -----	Nature -----	Square Feet -----	Status -----
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 104 South Chiles Street	Corporate office and branch banking facility	12,636	Owned

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Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 1015 Crossroad Drive	Branch banking facility	2,550	Owned
Louisville, Kentucky (Stony Brook Branch) 8620 Biggin Hill Lane	Finance and accounting, loan and deposit operations, mortgage operations and branch banking facility	14,190	Owned
Louisville, Kentucky (St. Matthews Branch) 4220 Shelbyville Road	Branch banking facility	3,606	Leased
Clarksville, Indiana 1325 Veterans Parkway	Branch banking facility	2,817	Leased
Jeffersonville, Indiana 1711 East 10th Street	Branch banking facility	3,562	Leased
Marengo, Indiana 309 South Bradley Street	Branch banking facility	5,856	Owned
New Albany, Indiana 3801 Charlestown Road	Branch banking facility	11,200	Leased

See note 9 to the Company's consolidated financial statements herein for additional information. The Clarksville, Indiana branch and New Albany, Indiana branch are leased from Chalfant Industries, Inc., a company owned by a director of the Company and the Bank.

(b) Investment Policies. See "Item 1. Description of Business" above for a general description of the Company's investment policies and any regulatory or Board of Directors' percentage of assets limitations regarding certain investments. The Company's investments are primarily acquired to produce income, and to a lesser extent, possible capital gain.

(1) Investments in Real Estate or Interests in Real Estate. See "Item 1. Description of Business - Lending Activities and - Regulation of the Bank," and "Item 2. Description of Property."

(2) Investments in Real Estate Mortgages. See "Item 1. Description of Business - Lending Activities and - Regulation of the Bank."

(3) Investments in Securities of or Interests in Persons Primarily Engaged in Real Estate Activities. See "Item 1. Description of Business - Lending Activities and - Regulation of the Bank."

(c) Description of Real Estate and Operating Data. Not Applicable.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

The Company, from time to time, is a party to ordinary routine litigation, which arises in the normal course of business, such as claims to enforce liens, condemnation proceedings on properties in which the Company holds security interests, claims involving the making and servicing of real property loans, and other issues incident to its business. Except as discussed below, there were no potentially material lawsuits or other legal proceedings pending or known to be contemplated against the Company at December 31, 2005.

On or about May 28, 2004, a complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Anderson County in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by Larry Sutherland, Judy Sutherland, John Henry Disponett, Brenda Disponett, Todd Hyatt, Lois Ann Disponett, Sue Saufley, and Hugh Coomer. Soon thereafter, an amended complaint was filed which added Lois Hawkins and Norma K. Barnett as plaintiffs. The

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lawsuit arises from offers to purchase securities made by the Company in connection with an offer to purchase up to 300,000 shares of its stock in a tender offer on or about May 28, 2003. The Plaintiffs allege that the Company made certain material misrepresentations in connection with certain statements made in the tender offer. The Plaintiffs are seeking to recover compensatory and punitive damages in connection with the shares it sold in the tender offer and their attorneys' fees. Discovery in the matter is currently underway and a trial date has not been set. Based upon the advice of counsel, management records an estimate of the amount of ultimate expected loss for litigation, if any. Management, after discussion with legal counsel, believes the ultimate result of this litigation will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, events could occur that could cause any estimate of ultimate loss to differ materially in the near term.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2005.

## PART II

#### Item 5. Market for Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters.

Since its issuance in October 1995, the Company's common stock has traded on the NASDAQ National Market System. The Company's current trading symbol is FIFG. Prior to July 9, 2004, the Company's trading symbol was HFFB. The quarterly high and low sales prices for the Company's common stock as reported by NASDAQ and any dividends declared during the quarter are set forth in the table below.

	Quarter Ended			
	3/31	6/30	9/30	12/31
2005	3/31	6/30	9/30	12/31
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High	\$19.99	\$23.05	\$20.50	\$20.00
Low	18.21	17.41	19.00	18.00
Cash dividend declared per share	0.16	0.08	0.08	0.08
	Quarter Ended			
	3/31	6/30	9/30	12/31
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High	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$20.51	\$20.15
Low	21.05	17.32	17.50	18.36
Cash dividend declared per share	0.30	-	0.08	-

The number of shareholders of record of common stock as of December 31, 2005, was approximately 430. This does not reflect the number of persons or entities who held stock in nominee or "street" name through various brokerage firms. At December 31, 2005, there were 1,951,408 shares outstanding. The Company's ability to pay dividends to stockholders is dependent upon the dividends it receives from the Bank. The payment of cash dividends by the Bank is limited by regulations of the FDIC. See "Regulations of the Bank - Dividend and Other Capital Distribution Limitations."

Set forth below is information as of December 31, 2005 with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance.

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## Equity Compensation Plan Information

	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights -----	(b) Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights -----	Number remaini future equity c [exclud reflect -----
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders:			
2004 Omnibus Stock Option Plan	57,800	\$ 9.99	2
1996 Stock Option Plan	127,500	16.29	
Restricted Stock Plan	-	-	
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders	n/a	n/a	
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Total	185,300 =====	\$14.33 =====	3 =

### Item 6. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation.

The following is a discussion of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented, and certain factors that may affect the Company's prospective financial condition. This section should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto appearing elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB including note 1 which describes the Company's significant accounting policies including its use of estimates. See the caption entitled "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in this section for further information. The following discussion contains statements which are forward-looking rather than historical fact. These forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and involve risks and uncertainties that could render them materially different, including, but not limited to, changes in general economic conditions; interest rates, deposit flows, loan demand, real estate values, competition and demand for financial services and loan, deposit, and investment products in the Company's local markets; changes in the quality and composition of the loan or investment portfolios; changes in accounting principles, policies, or guidelines; changes in legislation and regulation; changes in the monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. Government, including policies of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board; war or terrorist activities; and other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, geopolitical, and technological factors affecting the Company's operations, pricing, and services, and other risks as detailed in the Company's various Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

#### General

On July 9, 2004, the Company changed its name to 1st Independence Financial Group, Inc. and acquired the remaining 77.5% interest of Independence Bancorp, New Albany, Indiana ("Independence") in a purchase transaction calling for the exchange of one share of its common stock for each share of Independence common stock held by Independence shareholders (the "Merger"). The Company initially acquired 22.5% of Independence on December 31, 2002. Upon completion of the Merger, the Company issued approximately 696,000 shares to the Independence shareholders and exchanged approximately 60,000 stock options held by directors, executive officers, and employees of Independence.

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In connection with the Merger, the Company's, wholly owned subsidiary, First Financial Bank and Independence's wholly owned subsidiary, 1st Independence Bank merged their operations (the "Bank Merger"). The Bank Merger occurred at the same time as the Merger and the resulting institution became a Kentucky state-chartered bank known as 1st Independence Bank, Inc. (the "Bank"). See note 3 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the accounting treatment of the Bank Merger.

The Company provides commercial and retail banking services, including commercial real estate loans, one-to-four family residential mortgage loans via 1st Independence Mortgage, home equity loans and lines of credit and consumer loans as well as certificates of deposit, checking accounts, money-market accounts and savings accounts within its market area. At December 31, 2005, the Company had total assets, deposits and stockholders' equity of \$336.2 million, \$264.3 million, and \$38.3 million, respectively. The Company's business is conducted principally through the Bank. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Company refer collectively to the Company and the Bank.

As a result of completing the acquisition of Independence, the Company gained access to customers in the Louisville, Kentucky metro area. Accordingly, the Company has experienced a significantly different mix of loan growth since the completion of the acquisition. The Company historically provided primarily residential real estate loan products in its markets in central Kentucky.

The Company is a defendant in a lawsuit that asserts that the Company made certain material misrepresentations in connection with certain statements made in connection with its offer to purchase up to 300,000 shares of stock in a tender offer in May 2003. The plaintiffs are seeking to recover damages in connection with the shares they sold in the tender offer and attorneys fees. Based upon the advice of counsel, management records an estimate of the amount of ultimate expected loss for litigation, if any. Management has not recorded a loss provision for this litigation as, after discussion with legal counsel, management believes the ultimate result of this litigation will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Events could occur that could cause the estimate of ultimate loss to differ materially in the near term.

In January 2005, the Company sold its 55.8% interest in Citizens Financial Bank, Inc., Glasgow, Kentucky ("Citizens") to Porter Bancorp, Inc., Shepherdsville, Kentucky ("Porter Bancorp") for \$2.3 million. The sale of Citizens reflected the Company's revised strategic plan to exit the south central Kentucky market and to focus on the growing markets of southern Indiana, central Kentucky, and greater Louisville, Kentucky.

The Bank also purchased property and a building, located in Louisville, Kentucky, that was previously used as an operations center and retail branch of Ascencia Bank, an affiliate of Porter Bancorp. The purchase price of the building and property was \$2.3 million. The Bank moved its finance and accounting, loan and deposit operations, and mortgage banking operations into the building in April 2005. The Bank also received regulatory approval during the second quarter of 2005 to establish a full service branch at this location and subsequently opened the branch in November 2005.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The discussion and analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operations is based upon the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

On an ongoing basis, management evaluates the Company's accounting policies and estimates it uses to prepare the consolidated financial statements. In general, management's estimates are based on historical experience, on information from regulators and third party professionals and other assumptions

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believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The following critical accounting policies affect the Company's more significant judgements and estimates used to prepare the consolidated financial statements:

**Other Than Temporary Impairment of Securities.** Securities are evaluated periodically to determine whether a decline in their value is other than temporary. Management utilizes criteria such as the magnitude and duration of the decline, in addition to the reasons underlying the decline, to determine whether the loss in value is other than temporary. The term "other than temporary" is not intended to indicate that the decline is permanent. It indicates that the prospects for a near term recovery of value are not necessarily favorable, or that there is a lack of evidence to support fair values equal to, or greater than, the carrying value of the investment. Once a decline in value is determined to be other than temporary, the value of the security is reduced and a corresponding charge to earnings is recognized.

**Allowance for Loan Losses.** Determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses necessarily involves a high degree of judgment. To assess the adequacy of the allowance, management uses historical information as well as the prevailing business environment, as it is affected by changing economic conditions and various external factors, which may impact the portfolio in ways currently unforeseen. The allowance is increased by provisions for loan losses and by recoveries of loans previously charged-off and reduced by loans charged-off. For a full discussion of the methodology of assessing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, see the "Provision for Loan Losses" section elsewhere within this Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operations and note 6 to the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**Goodwill.** The Merger was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting for business combinations. Acquisitions under the purchase method of accounting require that assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recorded at their fair value which is an estimate determined by the use of internal or other valuation techniques. These valuation estimates result in goodwill and other intangible assets. Goodwill is subject to an annual impairment test and is evaluated using various fair value techniques. See note 8 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for further information.

### Overview

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2005 was \$4,481,000 or \$2.32 per diluted share compared to a loss of (\$1,036,000) or (\$0.69) per diluted share for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. The Company changed its fiscal year from September 30 to December 31, effective December 31, 2004. Accordingly, results of operations and related statistical information set forth in this Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operations for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 is unaudited and is derived by taking the (audited) twelve months ended September 30, 2004 amount and adding the (audited) three months ended December 31, 2004 amount and subtracting the (unaudited) three months ended December 31, 2003 amount. The increases in net income and net income per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2005 were primarily due to after tax securities gains of \$3,308,000 taken in the first quarter of 2005 and the significance of the Merger to the Company's operations including an after tax charge of approximately \$526,000 recorded in the second quarter of 2004 in connection with the termination of a data processing contract. Other factors which contributed to the increase were a decrease of \$560,000, after taxes, in the provision for loan losses taken in the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 compared to the same period in 2004, an after tax charge of \$158,000 relating to the Bank's termination of its pension plan in the third quarter of 2004, a \$356,000 goodwill writeoff recorded in the third quarter of 2004 in regards to the Citizens disposal and certain merger-related expenses also taken in the third quarter of 2004. Partially offsetting these factors was an after tax charge of \$235,000 recorded in the first quarter 2005 for severance expenses related to the retirement of the Company's former Chairman and CEO.

Net income for the three months ended December 31, 2004 was \$240,000



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compared to \$183,000 for the comparable period of 2003, an increase of 31%. The increase in net income was due the significance of the Merger to the Company's operations. Net income per diluted share was \$0.13 compared to \$0.15, a decrease of 13%. The decrease in earnings per share is a result of the shares issued in connection with the acquisition of Independence during July 2004.

### Results of Operations

#### Net Interest Income

Net interest income is the most significant component of the Company's revenues. Net interest income is the difference between interest income on interest-earning assets (primarily loans and investment securities) and interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities (deposits and borrowed funds). Net interest income depends on the volume and rate earned on interest-earning assets and the volume and rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities.

Net interest income was \$10.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, an increase of \$4.1 million or 67% from \$6.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. Net interest spread and net interest margin were 3.14% and 3.44%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to 3.07% and 3.30% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. The increase in the net interest margin was due to an increase in the volume of net interest bearing assets, primarily resulting from the Merger and due to loan growth since the Merger. Changes in volume resulted in an increase in net interest income in 2005 of \$4.4 million and changes in interest rates and the mix resulted in a decrease in net interest income of \$0.3 million versus the comparable periods in 2004.

Net interest income was \$2.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2004, an increase \$1.5 million or 171% from \$858,000 for the comparable period of 2003. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the volume of net interest bearing assets, primarily resulting from the Merger. The increase in volume resulted in an increase in net interest income of \$1.1 million, and decreases in interest rates resulted in an increase in net interest income of \$335,000. The favorable change in net interest income due to decreases in interest rates is largely a result of decreases in rates paid on interest bearing liabilities more than offsetting the decreases in rates earned on interest earning assets due to a change in funding strategy. Previously, the Company relied substantially on time deposits as its funding source. Subsequent to the Merger, the Company began using short-term borrowings and short-term time deposits, including brokered certificates of deposit with terms generally ranging from one to two years as primary funding sources. Additionally, the loan mix has shifted from 1-4 family residential loans to shorter-term commercial real estate loans. As a result of the above factors, the Company's net yield on earning assets increased to 3.45% compared to 2.76% for the three months ending December 31, 2004 compared to the comparable period in 2003.

For a detailed analysis of interest income and interest expense, see "Average Balance Sheets" and "Rate/Volume Analysis" below.

#### Average Balance Sheets

The following tables set forth certain information relating to the Company for the periods indicated. The average yields and costs are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balance of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. Average balances are derived from daily balances for 2005 and 2004 and month-end balances for 2003. Management does not believe that the use of month-end balances instead of average daily balances has caused any material differences in the information presented.

Year ended December 31, 2005 (1)			Twelve
Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost	Averag Balanc

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(in thousands except per

Earning assets:				
Loan, net of unearned income	\$259,119	\$17,009	6.56%	\$148,
Investment securities and other (2)	38,827	1,437	3.70	37,
	-----	-----		-----
Total earning assets	297,946	18,446	6.19	185,
	-----	-----		-----
Less allowance for loan losses	2,747			1,
	-----			-----
	295,199			184,
				41,
Assets of discontinued operations				
Non-earning assets:				
Cash and due from banks	4,604			4,
Premises and equipment, net	7,856			3,
Other assets	16,431			11,
	-----			-----
Total assets	\$324,090			\$245,
	=====			=====
Interest bearing liabilities:				
Deposits	\$237,321	6,852	2.89	\$150,
Borrowings	31,302	1,342	4.29	18,
	-----	-----		-----
Total interest bearing liabilities	268,623	8,194	3.05	168,
	-----			-----
Liabilities of discontinued operations				
Non-earning liabilities:				
Non-interest bearing deposits	16,016			6,
Other liabilities	1,861			2,
	-----			-----
Total liabilities	286,500			215,
Minority interests	13			1,
Stockholders' equity	37,577			28,
	-----			-----
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$324,090			\$245,
	=====			=====
Net interest income		\$10,252		
		=====		
Net interest spread (3)			3.14%	
			=====	
Net interest margin (4)			3.44%	
			=====	
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities			110.92%	
			=====	

- (1) Average balances and interest income and interest expense related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated.
- (2) Includes interest-earning overnight deposits and term deposits with the FHLB.
- (3) Net interest spread represents the difference between the average yield on earning assets and the average cost of interest bearing liabilities.
- (4) Net interest margin represents net interest income as a percentage of average earning assets.

Three months ended December 31,  
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	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost	Average Balance
			(in thousands except per	
Earning assets:				
Loan, net of unearned income	\$224,201	\$ 3,456	6.12%	\$ 84,
Investment securities and other (2)	43,491	334	3.05	39,
Total earning assets	267,692	3,790	5.62	123,
Less allowance for loan losses	2,676			
	265,016			122,
Assets of discontinued operations	39,381			42,
Non-earning assets:				
Cash and due from banks	6,009			2,
Premises and equipment, net	5,206			2,
Other assets	16,554			4,
Total assets	\$332,166			\$174,
Interest bearing liabilities:				
Deposits	\$204,124	1,166	2.27	\$103,
Borrowings	35,331	294	3.31	6,
Total interest bearing liabilities	239,455	1,460	2.42	109,
Liabilities of discontinued operations	34,997			37,
Non-earning liabilities:				
Non-interest bearing deposits	15,669			1,
Other liabilities	2,915			2,
Total liabilities	293,036			151,
Minority interests	1,780			1,
Stockholders' equity	37,350			20,
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$332,166			\$174,
Net interest income		\$ 2,330		
Net interest spread (3)			3.20%	
Net interest margin (4)			3.45%	
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities			111.79%	

- (1) Average balances and interest income and interest expense related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated.
- (2) Includes interest-earning overnight deposits and term deposits with the FHLB.
- (3) Net interest spread represents the difference between the average yield on earning assets and the average cost of interest bearing liabilities.
- (4) Net interest margin represents net interest income as a percentage of average earning assets.

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### Rate/Volume Analysis

The following table below sets forth certain information regarding changes in interest income and interest expense of the Company for the periods indicated. For each category of earning assets and interest bearing liabilities, information is provided on changes attributable to (i) changes in volume (change in average volume multiplied by old rate); and (ii) changes in rates (change in rate multiplied by old average volume). Changes in rate/volume (change in rate multiplied by the change in volume) have been allocated to the changes due to volume and rate in proportion to the absolute value of the changes due to volume and rate prior to the allocation. Average balances are derived from daily balances for 2005 and 2004 and month-end balances for 2003. Management does not believe that the use of month-end balances instead of average daily balances has caused any material difference in the information presented.

	Year ended December 31, 2005 vs. 2004 (1)			Three months e 2004 vs	
	Increase (decrease) due to change in			Increase (decrea	
	Volume	Rate	Net	Volume	R
	(in thousands)				
Interest income					
Loans	\$7,241	\$ 610	\$7,851	\$2,225	\$ (
Investment securities and other (2)	42	157	199	34	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total interest income	7,283	767	8,050	2,259	(
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Interest expense					
Deposits	2,377	919	3,296	659	(
Borrowings	539	113	652	463	(
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total interest expense	2,916	1,032	3,948	1,122	(
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net interest income	\$4,367	\$(265)	\$4,102	\$1,137	\$
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

- (1) Average balances and changes in interest income and interest expense related to the discontinued operations of Citizens have been eliminated.
- (2) Includes interest-earning overnight deposits and term deposits with the FHLB.

### Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses was \$354,000 for the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to \$1,203,000 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. Nonperforming loans were \$1.3 million at December 31, 2005 and \$1.2 million at December 31, 2004, or 0.47% and 0.52%, respectively, of total loans. The allowance for loan losses was \$2.9 million and \$2.5 million at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, or 1.08% and 1.08%, respectively, of total loans. The higher amount of provision for loan losses in 2004 compared to 2005 was primarily attributable to the changes in the loan mix as a result of the Merger, as described below.

The Company did not record a provision for loan losses for the three months ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. The provision for loan losses was \$1.2 million for the year ended September 30, 2004. Nonperforming loans were \$1.2

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million at both December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004, or 0.52% and 0.57%, respectively, of total loans. The allowance for loan losses was approximately \$2.5 million at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004, or 1.08% and 1.20%, respectively, of total loans.

The Company maintains the allowance for loan losses at a level that it considers to be adequate to provide for credit losses inherent in its loan portfolio. Management determines the level of the allowance by performing a quarterly analysis that considers concentrations of credit, past loss experience, current economic conditions, the amount and composition of the loan portfolio (including nonperforming and potential problem loans), estimated fair value of underlying collateral, loan commitments outstanding, and other information relevant to assessing the risk of loss inherent in the loan portfolio. As a result of management's analysis, a range of the potential amount of the allowance for loan losses is determined.

Prior to the acquisition of Independence, the Company operated as a thrift and provided primarily residential real estate loan products in its markets in central Kentucky. As a result of the Merger and the Bank's conversion to a state-chartered commercial bank, management made the decision to no longer originate long-term residential real estate loans for its loan portfolio. The Company's loan growth since the Merger has primarily consisted of shorter-term construction loans, commercial real estate loans, other commercial loans and other loan types traditional to the banking industry. The Company therefore has different risk characteristics including but not limited to higher individual loan amounts and increased exposure to economic conditions.

The Company will continue to monitor the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and make additions to the allowance in accordance with the analysis referred to above. Because of uncertainties inherent in estimating the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses, actual results may differ from management's estimate of credit losses and the related allowance.

### Noninterest Income

Noninterest income was \$7.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to \$1.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. Significant increases in noninterest income for the year ended December 31, 2005 resulted from a \$5.0 million gain on sale of Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") preferred stock recorded in the first quarter of 2005 and gains on loan sales. The gains on loan sales represents a new source of noninterest income to the Company as the Company did not previously engage in significant secondary market sales prior to the Merger. Service charge income was \$391,000 for the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to \$195,000 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. The increase was primarily attributable to the Merger. Traditionally, the Company did not have significant service charge income since the vast majority of their deposit accounts were consumer accounts. The Company continues to evaluate its deposit product offerings with the intention of expanding its offerings to the consumer and business depositor. During March 2005, the Bank began offering products which include overdraft privileges on certain individual deposit products and cash management services for business depositors. Both of these products are fee-based and should result in further increases in service charge income. The Bank also introduced a new deposit product known as "ATM Advantage" during September 2005. This new product offers unlimited use of competitor's ATM networks with reimbursement of all foreign and surcharge fees. The product does not pay interest and requires a minimum balance to avoid a monthly service charge. This product could reduce service charge income but the effect would be offset by more non-interest bearing deposits which should contribute to additional net interest income. Contributing to the increase in other noninterest income were the effects of the Merger and approximately \$264,000 of title insurance revenue for the year ended December 31, 2005 from the Company's title insurance company which began operations in November 2004. The Company decided to exit the title insurance business at the end of November 2005 and sold the title insurance company at its carrying value.

Noninterest income was \$538,000 for the three months ended December

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31, 2004, an increase of \$434,000 from \$104,000 for the comparable period in 2003. The most significant increase in noninterest income was \$293,000 in gains on sales of loans held for sale. As was previously discussed, this was a direct result of the Merger, as the Company did not engage in significant loan sales prior to the Merger. Service charge income was \$82,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2004, compared to \$31,000 for the comparable period in 2003. The increase of \$51,000 is primarily attributable to the Merger. As was previously discussed, the Company and Independence traditionally did not have significant service charge income since the vast majority of their deposit accounts were consumer accounts. Since the Merger, the Company has expanded its offerings to the consumer and business depositor including fee-based products for overdraft privileges on certain individual deposit products and cash management services for business depositors.

### Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense was \$10.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$7.8 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. All categories of noninterest expense for the year ended December 31, 2005 increased significantly over the comparable period in 2004 as a result of the Merger which was effective on July 9, 2004 except for other noninterest expense which was flat due to several items recorded in 2004 that did not recur in 2005. In addition, contributing to the increase in salaries and employee benefits was \$356,000 which the Company accrued during the first quarter of 2005 for the severance expense relating to the retirement of the Company's former Chairman and CEO. Factors limiting the increase were \$797,000 of charges recorded in the second quarter of 2004 in connection with the termination of a data processing contract, \$239,000 relating to the Bank's termination of its pension plan in the third quarter of 2004, and items effecting other noninterest expense were a \$356,000 goodwill writeoff recorded in the third quarter of 2004 in regards to the Citizens disposal and certain merger-related expenses also taken in the third quarter of 2004.

Noninterest expenses were \$2.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2004, an increase of \$1.8 million from the \$724,000 for the comparable period in 2003. All categories of noninterest expenses except marketing expense increased, primarily as a result of the Merger. The significant increases were in professional fees and other noninterest expenses. Professional fees increased \$186,000 as a result of legal fees of \$40,000 and \$52,000, respectively, associated with the Company's litigation (See "General") and the Merger. Additionally, accounting fees increased \$64,000, which was also related to the Merger.

### Income Tax Expense (Benefit)

The effective income tax rate on income (loss) from continuing operations was 33.6% for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to (41.8%) for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. The change in the effective income tax rate was primarily due to the change in income from continuing operations.

The effective income tax rate on income from continuing operations was 28.7% and 31.5%, respectively, for the three months ended December 31, 2004 compared to 2003.

### Financial Condition

The Company's total assets were \$336.2 million at December 31, 2005 compared to \$337.2 million at December 31, 2004, a decrease of \$1.0 million or 0.3%.

The decrease in total assets was primarily due to the sale of Citizens, which accounted for \$38.1 million of the decrease, and a decrease of \$10.6 million in available-for-sale securities, offset by a \$33.3 million increase in net loans, an \$11.6 million increase in cash and cash equivalents and a \$2.8 million increase in premises and equipment. The increase in premises and equipment resulted from the purchase of property and a building which is being used for the Company's finance and accounting, loan and deposit operations,

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mortgage banking operations and a branch, and the purchase of a branch that was previously leased.

Securities available for sale decreased \$10.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2005. The decrease was primarily due to the sale of FHLMC preferred stock for \$5.1 million during the first quarter of 2005 and other proceeds from maturities and sales less purchases of securities amounting to \$4.3 million. The Company owned the FHLMC preferred stock for a number of years, and its cost basis was \$75,000. Given the significant amount of unrealized appreciation on the FHLMC preferred stock, management determined that it was appropriate to sell the FHLMC preferred stock. The aggregate proceeds on the sale were \$5.1 million; therefore a gain of \$5.0 million was realized. Other changes in securities available for sale included a \$1.0 million decrease in unrealized gains on the available for sale portfolio.

Net loans were \$267.0 million at December 31, 2005, compared to \$233.6 million at December 31, 2004 or an increase of 14%. The significant increase in loans was in the real estate construction and real estate commercial loan portfolios, which increased \$18.3 million or 54% and \$11.0 million or 31%, respectively. The increases were primarily a result of lending activity in the Louisville, Kentucky metro market. All loan categories increased or remained the same as a percentage of total loans, except residential real estate loans, which decreased from 53% to 48% of total loans, home equity loans which decreased from 7% to 6% of total loans, and consumer other which decreased from 2% to 1% of total loans. The decrease in residential real estate loans as a percentage of total loans is primarily due to those loans now being sold in the secondary market through 1st Independence Mortgage, a division of the Bank, rather than being retained for the Company's loan portfolio. The Company continues to identify opportunities to cross sell its other products, including home equity and consumer loans for its loan portfolio resulting from customer relationships established through the origination of loans by 1st Independence Mortgage.

Deposits increased \$41.0 million or 18.4% to \$264.3 million at December 31, 2005 compared to December 31, 2004. This increase was largely attributable to a \$5.3 million increase in savings, NOW and money market deposits and a \$36.6 million increase in time deposits. Demand deposits decreased \$0.9 million. The increase in savings, NOW and money market deposits resulted primarily from the effects of a general marketing campaign during 2005 focusing on existing products. As previously mentioned, during September 2005 the Company introduced a new deposit product known as "ATM Advantage" as part of its efforts to continue to grow core deposits. This new product offers unlimited use of competitor's ATM networks with reimbursement of all foreign and surcharge fees. The product does not pay interest but requires a minimum balance to avoid a monthly service charge. The net increase in time deposits was primarily attributable to brokered deposits, which increased by \$24.1 million, to \$59.6 million. This increase was directly related to funding needs of the Company's loan portfolio.

Short-term borrowings decreased \$4.5 million or 19% to \$18.7 million at December 31, 2005, compared to \$23.2 million at December 31, 2004. The Company uses short-term borrowings, primarily short-term Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") advances, to fund short-term liquidity needs and manage net interest margin. The decrease in short-term borrowings was related to payoffs of borrowings due to the Bank's improved liquidity.

### Liquidity

Liquidity to meet borrowers' credit and depositors' withdrawal demands is provided by maturing assets, short-term liquid assets that can be converted to cash and the ability to attract funds from depositors. Additional sources of liquidity include brokered deposits, advances from the FHLB and other short-term borrowings, such as federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements.

At December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, brokered deposits were \$59.6 million and \$35.5 million, respectively. The weighted average cost and maturity of brokered deposits were 3.90% and nine months at December 31, 2005 compared to 2.77% and nine months at December 31, 2004. The Company plans to

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continue using brokered deposits for the foreseeable future to support loan demand in its market area when pricing for brokered deposits is more favorable than short-term borrowings.

At December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Bank had total FHLB advances outstanding of \$22.0 million and \$27.5, respectively. Additionally, the Bank had \$22.0 million of unused commitments under its line of credit with the FHLB and sufficient collateral to borrow an additional \$61.8 million.

The Company's liquidity depends primarily on dividends paid to it as sole shareholder of the Bank. As discussed in note 14 to the consolidated financial statements, the Bank may pay \$5,278,000 in dividends to the Company without regulatory approval, subject to the ongoing capital requirements of the Bank.

The Company has \$9.3 million of subordinated debentures outstanding, which are included in long-term debt in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Approximately \$4.1 million of the debentures are variable rate obligations with interest rates that reprice quarterly, and are tied to the three-month London Interbank Offering Rate ("LIBOR") plus 3.15%. At December 31, 2005, the rate on these debentures was 7.67%. The remaining \$5.2 million of debentures carry a fixed interest rate of 6.4% until March 26, 2008 when the debentures become variable rate obligations that reprice quarterly at the three-month LIBOR plus 3.15%. At the rates that were in effect at December 31, 2005, the Company's cash requirement to service interest on the debentures for 2006 was \$651,000.

### Sources and Uses of Cash

The Company derives most of its cash flow from the Bank's activities. Cash flow of the Bank is provided primarily through financing activities, which include net increases in deposits and short-term borrowings. These funds are used to fund investing activities, which include making loans and increasing the investment portfolio.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of operations, the Company engages in financial transactions that contain credit, interest rate, and liquidity risk that are not recorded in the financial statements. Such transactions include traditional off-balance sheet credit-related financial instruments, and commitments under long-term debt and operating lease agreements.

The Company provides customers with off-balance sheet credit support through loan commitments, unused lines of credit, letters of credit, and commitments to sell loans. A summary of these financial instruments at December 31, 2005 follows:

	Total -----	Less than one year -----	1 to 3 years -----	3 - 5 years -----	Over years -----
	(in thousands)				
Off- balance sheet items:					
Commitments to make loans	\$ 3,283	\$ 3,283	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unused lines of credit	57,117	27,678	14,297	6,367	8,775
Performance letters of credit	2,474	1,343	211	920	-
Mortgage banking rate-lock	2,669	2,669	-	-	-

Since many of the commitments and unused lines of credit are expected to expire or be only partially used, the total amount of commitments does not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

The Company is required to make future payments on long-term debt, which includes long-term FHLB advances and subordinated debentures. In addition



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to owned banking facilities, the Company has entered into long-term leases to support its activities. A summary of these aggregate contractual obligations at December 31, 2005 follows:

	Total	Less than one year	1 to 3 years	3 - 5 years	Over years
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(in thousands)				
Aggregate contractual obligations:					
FHLB borrowings	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,000
Subordinated debentures	9,279	-	-	-	9,279
Operating lease commitments	3,064	237	473	508	1,846

### Asset/Liability Management

The Bank, like many other financial institutions, is vulnerable to an increase in interest rates to the extent interest-bearing liabilities mature or reprice more rapidly than interest-earning assets. Historically, the lending activities of commercial banks emphasized the origination of short to intermediate term variable rate loans that are more closely matched with the deposit maturities and repricing of interest-bearing liabilities which occur closer to the same general time period. While having interest-bearing liabilities that reprice more frequently than interest-earning assets is generally beneficial to net interest income during periods of declining interest rates, it is generally detrimental during periods of rising interest rates.

To reduce the effect of interest rate changes on net interest income, the Bank has adopted various strategies to improve matching interest-earning asset maturities to interest-bearing liability maturities. The principal elements of these strategies include; originating variable rate commercial loans that include interest rate floors; originating one-to-four family residential mortgage loans with adjustable rate features, or fixed rate loans with short maturities; maintaining interest-bearing demand deposits, federal funds sold, and U.S. government securities with short to intermediate term maturities; maintaining an investment portfolio that provides stable cash flows, thereby providing investable funds in varying interest rate cycles; lengthening the maturities of our time deposits and borrowings when it would be cost effective; and attracting low cost checking and transaction accounts, which tend to be less interest rate sensitive when interest rates increase.

The Bank measures its exposure to changes in interest rates using an overnight upward and downward shift (shock) in the Treasury yield curve. As of December 31, 2005, if interest rates increased 200 basis points and decreased 200 points, respectively, the Bank's net interest income would increase by 3.5% and remain unchanged, respectively.

### Item 7. Financial Statements.

The following report of independent registered public accounting firm and the consolidated financial statements of the Company are included below:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm  
 Consolidated Balance Sheets  
 Consolidated Statements of Operations  
 Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)  
 Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity  
 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
 Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Audit Committee, Board of Directors and Stockholders  
1st Independence Financial Group, Inc.  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of 1st Independence Financial Group, Inc. (Company) as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2005, the three-month period ended December 31, 2004, and year ended September 30, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2005, the three-month period ended December 31, 2004, and year ended September 30, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ BKD, LLP

Louisville, Kentucky  
February 17, 2006

1ST INDEPENDENCE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(in thousands except share data)

	December 31, 2005	Decemb 20
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 4,327	\$
Interest-bearing demand deposits	5,886	
Federal funds sold	11,350	
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Cash and cash equivalents	21,563	
Interest-bearing deposits	100	
Available-for-sale securities at fair value	16,140	
Held-to-maturity securities, fair value of \$1,974 and \$2,165 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively	1,975	
Loans held for sale	1,278	

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Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$2,911 and \$2,549 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively	266,978	2
Premises and equipment, net	8,215	
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) stock	2,688	
Bank owned life insurance	3,235	
Goodwill	11,142	
Interest receivable and other assets	2,873	
Assets of subsidiary held for disposal	-	
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Total assets	\$336,187	\$3
	=====	=====
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Deposits		
Demand	\$ 15,570	\$
Savings, NOW and money market	51,167	
Time	197,586	1
	-----	-----
Total deposits	264,323	2
Short-term borrowings	18,747	
Long-term debt	13,279	
Deferred income taxes	-	
Interest payable and other liabilities	1,577	
Liabilities of subsidiary held for disposal	-	
	-----	-----
Total liabilities	297,926	2
	-----	-----
Commitments and contingencies	-	
Minority interest	-	
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.10 par value, 500,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding	-	
Common stock, \$0.10 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized, 1,951,408 shares and 1,916,368 shares outstanding at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively	292	
Additional paid-in capital	39,236	
Retained earnings	13,849	
Unearned ESOP compensation	(380)	
Unearned compensation on restricted stock	(24)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(137)	
Treasury stock, at cost, common, 969,835 shares and 969,835 shares at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively	(14,575)	(
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Total stockholders' equity	38,261	
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$336,187	\$3
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

1ST INDEPENDENCE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Consolidated Statements of Operations  
(in thousands except per share data)

	Year ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended December 31, 2004	(unaudited) Three months ended December 31, 2003
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Interest and dividend income			
Interest and fees on loans	\$17,009	\$ 3,456	\$ 1,335
Securities			
Taxable	693	201	259
Tax exempt	125	27	17
Federal funds sold	332	36	-
Dividends	143	54	39
Deposits with financial institutions	144	16	4
	-----	-----	-----
Total interest and dividend income	18,446	3,790	1,654
	-----	-----	-----
Interest expense			
Deposits	6,852	1,166	693
FHLB advances	727	153	13
Other	615	141	90
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Total interest expense	8,194	1,460	796
	-----	-----	-----
Net interest income	10,252	2,330	858
Provision for loan losses	354	-	-
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Net interest income after provision for loan losses	9,898	2,330	858
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Noninterest income			
Service charges	391	82	31
Earnings of equity method investee	-	-	25
Gain on loan sales	1,041	293	-
(Loss) on sale of premises and equipment	(156)	-	(3)
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	188	45	45
Net realized gains (losses) on sales of available-for-sale securities	4,883	-	-
Other	610	118	6
	-----	-----	-----
Total noninterest income	6,957	538	104
	-----	-----	-----
Noninterest expense			
Salaries and employee benefits	4,850	1,292	404
Net occupancy expense	1,431	248	59
Data processing fees	630	164	56
Professional fees	785	218	32
Marketing expense	362	24	33
Data processing termination charges	-	-	-
Other	2,035	591	140
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Total noninterest expense	10,093	2,537	724
	-----	-----	-----
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest	6,762	331	238
Income tax expense (benefit) from continuing operations	2,273	95	75
	-----	-----	-----
Income (loss) from continuing operations before minority interest and discontinued operations	4,489	236	163
Income from subsidiary held for disposal	6	24	36
Income tax expense from subsidiary held for disposal	2	17	-
	-----	-----	-----
Income (loss) before minority interest	4,493	243	199
Minority interest in (income) of consolidated subsidiary and subsidiary held for disposal	(12)	(3)	(16)
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Net income (loss)	\$ 4,481	\$ 240	\$ 183
	=====	=====	=====
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations			
Basic	\$2.38	\$0.13	\$0.14
Diluted	\$2.33	\$0.12	\$0.14
Income per share from subsidiary held for disposal			
Basic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.03
Diluted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.03
Net income (loss) per share			
Basic	\$2.37	\$0.13	\$0.16
Diluted	\$2.32	\$0.13	\$0.15
Weighted average shares outstanding			
Basic	1,889	1,864	1,163
Diluted	1,929	1,917	1,204

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

1ST INDEPENDENCE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)  
(in thousands)

	Year ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended December 31, 2004
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Net income (loss)	\$ 4,481	\$ 240
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax		
Change in unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities	(686)	305
Less reclassification adjustment for realized gains (losses) included in net income	3,223	-
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Other comprehensive income (loss)	(3,909)	305
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Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 572	\$ 545
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

1ST INDEPENDENCE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity  
(in thousands except share and per share data)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Unearned ESOP Compensation	Unearned Compensation	Acquired Equity
	Number of Shares	Amount					
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Balance September 30, 2003	1,222,978	\$218	\$21,315	\$11,492	\$ (622)	\$ -	\$ -
Net income	-	-	-	183	-	-	-
Change in other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Purchase of stock for treasury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ESOP shares released	-	-	28	-	57	-	-
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Balance December 31, 2003	1,222,978	\$218	\$21,343	\$11,675	\$ (565)	\$ -	\$ -
Net income (loss)	-	-	-	(1,276)	-	-	-
Change in other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash dividends declared, \$0.38 per share	-	-	-	(517)	-	-	-
Purchase of stock for treasury (10,680)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exercise of stock options	5,000	1	82	-	-	-	-
Shares issued in acquisition, net of cost	696,070	69	17,096	-	-	-	-
ESOP shares released	-	-	14	-	49	-	-
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Balance September 30, 2004	1,913,368	\$288	\$38,535	\$ 9,882	\$ (516)	\$ -	\$ -
Net income	-	-	-	240	-	-	-
Change in other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exercise of stock options	3,000	1	29	-	-	-	-
ESOP shares released	-	-	24	-	26	-	-
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Balance December 31, 2004	1,916,368	\$289	\$38,588	\$10,122	\$ (490)	\$ -	\$ -
Net income	-	-	-	4,481	-	-	-
Cash dividends declared, \$0.40 per share	-	-	-	(754)	-	-	-
Change in other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exercise of stock options	54,500	5	877	-	-	-	-
Retirement of stock received as part of exercise of stock options	(20,960)	(2)	(411)	-	-	-	-
Issuance of restricted stock	2,000	-	38	-	-	(38)	-
Forfeiture of restricted stock	(500)	-	(9)	-	-	9	-
Amortization of unearned compensation	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
ESOP shares released	-	-	153	-	110	-	-
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Balance December 31, 2005	1,951,408	\$292	\$39,236	\$13,849	\$ (380)	\$ (24)	\$ -
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

1ST INDEPENDENCE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(in thousands)

	Year ended December 31, 2005	Three month ended December 31, 2004
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Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,481	\$ 240
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operations:		
Depreciation	613	106
Goodwill impairment	-	47

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Provision for loan losses	354	-
Gain on loan sales	(1,041)	(293)
Origination of loans held for sale	(60,408)	(18,247)
Proceeds from loans held for sale	62,515	18,382
ESOP compensation	210	50
Amortization of unearned compensation on restricted stock	5	-
Amortization of premiums and discounts on securities	117	43
Deferred income taxes	3	68
FHLB stock dividend	(100)	(21)
Increase in equity investment of subsidiary	-	-
Amortization of loan fees	(330)	(53)
Amortization of intangibles, net	336	98
Net realized (gains) losses on available-for-sale securities	(4,883)	-
Loss on sale of premises and equipment	156	-
Minority interest in income of consolidated subsidiary and subsidiary held for disposal	12	2
Increase in cash value of life insurance	(188)	(45)
(Income) from subsidiary held for disposal	(4)	(7)
Changes in:		
(Increase) decrease in interest receivable and other assets	(594)	618
Increase (decrease) in interest payable and other liabilities	507	(177)
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,761	811
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(7,319)	-
Proceeds from maturities of available-for-sale securities	5,474	1,031
Proceeds from the sales of available-for-sale securities	11,267	-
Purchases of held-to-maturity securities	-	-
Proceeds from maturities of held-to-maturity securities	165	-
Net (increase) decrease in loans	(33,578)	(23,105)
Purchases of premises and equipment	(3,635)	(454)
Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment	24	-
Proceeds, net from sale of subsidiaries	2,260	-
Net cash acquired in business acquisition	-	-
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Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(25,342)	(22,528)
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Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Net increase (decrease) in deposits	40,968	3,457
Net (decrease) increase in short-term borrowings	(4,486)	16,112
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,000)	-
Purchase of treasury stock	-	-
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	470	30
Cash dividends paid	(754)	-
	-----	-----
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	35,198	19,599
	-----	-----
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	11,617	(2,118)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,946	12,064
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$21,563	\$ 9,946
	=====	=====
Supplemental Cash Flow Information:		
Interest paid	\$ 7,800	\$ 1,380
Income taxes paid	1,965	-
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations	(1,795)	215
Real estate acquired in settlement of loans	33	-

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## 1st INDEPENDENCE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Nature of Operations

1st Independence Financial Group, Inc. ("Company") is a holding company whose principal activity is the ownership and management of its wholly owned subsidiary, 1st Independence Bank, Inc. ("Bank") and 1st Independence Mortgage, a division of the Bank. The Bank is primarily engaged in providing a full range of banking and financial services to individual and corporate customers in Indiana and Kentucky. The Bank is subject to competition from other financial institutions and is subject to the regulation of certain federal and state agencies and undergoes periodic examinations by those regulatory authorities. 1st Independence Mortgage engages in mortgage banking operations. The Bank sold its majority ownership in Foundation Title Company, LLC at the end of November 2005 after deciding to exit the title insurance business. On July 9, 2004, the Company completed its acquisition of Independence Bancorp and its wholly owned subsidiary Independence Bank ("IB"). Concurrent with the acquisition, the Company liquidated Independence Bancorp and changed the company's name to 1st Independence Financial Group, Inc. Also concurrent with the merger, the Company, in substance, merged its newly acquired subsidiary IB into its wholly owned subsidiary First Financial Bank, and became a Kentucky state chartered bank named 1st Independence Bank. The merger of the bank subsidiaries was accounted for at historical cost, as a combination of entities under common control. See note 3 for further information regarding the Company's acquisition of Independence Bancorp and its subsidiary IB. As discussed in note 4, on January 28, 2005 the Company completed the sale of its entire interest in its majority owned subsidiary, Citizens Financial Bank, Inc. ("Citizens").

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the Bank. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The financial position and results of operations of Citizens were removed from the detail line items in the Company's financial statements and presented separately as "subsidiary held for disposal."

The Company changed its fiscal year-end from September 30 to December 31 in 2004. References to periods refers to the one year period ended December 31, 2005, three month periods ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, or one year period ended September 30, 2004, as appropriate.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses. In connection with the determination of the allowance for loan losses, management obtains independent appraisals for significant properties.

#### Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.



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### Securities

Available-for-sale securities, which include any security for which the Company has no immediate plan to sell, but which may be sold in the future, are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses are recorded, net of related income tax effects, in other comprehensive income.

Held-to-maturity securities, which include any security for which the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold until maturity, are carried at historical cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts.

Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts are recorded as interest income from securities. Realized gains and losses are recorded as net security gains (losses). Gains and losses on sales of securities are determined on the specific-identification method.

### Mortgage Banking Activities

Mortgage loans originated and intended for sale in the secondary market are carried at the lower of aggregate cost or market value. To deliver closed loans to the secondary market and to control its interest rate risk prior to sale, the Company enters into "best efforts" contracts. The aggregate market value of mortgage loans held for sale considers the price of the sales contracts. No servicing is retained on loans sold into the secondary market.

### Loans

Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoffs are reported at their outstanding principal balances adjusted for any charge-offs, the allowance for loan losses, any deferred fees or costs on originated loans and unamortized premiums or discounts on purchased loans. Interest income is reported on the interest method and includes amortization of net deferred loan fees and costs over the loan term. Generally, loans are placed on nonaccrual status at 90 days past due and interest is considered a loss unless the loan is well-secured and in the process of collection.

### Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is established as losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for loan losses charged to income. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance for loan losses is evaluated on a regular basis by management and is based upon management's periodic review of the collectibility of the loans in light of historical experience, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral and prevailing economic conditions. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant revisions as more information becomes available.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record and the amount of the

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shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. Impairment is measured on a loan-by-loan basis for commercial and construction loans by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, the Company does not separately identify individual consumer and residential loans for impairment.

### Premises and Equipment

Depreciable assets and leasehold improvements are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged to expense using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets which generally range from 5 to 39 years for buildings and related components and from 3 to 10 years for furniture, fixtures and equipment.

### Federal Home Loan Bank Stock

Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") stock is a required investment for institutions that are members of the FHLB system. The required investment in the common stock is based on a predetermined formula and is carried at cost.

### Bank Owned Life Insurance

The Bank has purchased life insurance policies on certain key executives. Company owned life insurance is recorded at its cash surrender value or the amount that can be realized.

### Goodwill

Goodwill is tested annually for impairment. If the implied fair value of goodwill is lower than its carrying amount, goodwill impairment is indicated and goodwill is written down to its implied fair value. Subsequent increases in goodwill value are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

### Treasury Stock

Treasury stock is stated at cost. Cost is determined by the average cost method.

### Stock Options

The Company has two stock-based employee compensation plans ("Plans"), which are described more fully in note 18. The Company accounts for these Plans using the intrinsic value method of accounting for stock-based compensation proscribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related interpretations. No stock-based employee compensation expense is reflected in net income as all stock options granted under those plans had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the grant date. The following table illustrates the effect on net income (loss) and net income (loss) per share, if the Company had applied the fair value provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", to stock-based employee compensation (in thousands except per share data).

	Year ended December 31, 2005 ----	Three months ended December 31, 2004 ----	Year ended September 30, 2004 ----
Net income (loss) as reported	\$4,481	\$ 240	\$(1,093)
Less total stock-based employee compensation expense (including			

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forfeitures of \$65, \$0 and \$0) determined under fair value method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(47)	4	59
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Pro forma net income (loss)	\$4,528	\$ 236	\$(1,152)
	=====	=====	=====
Basic net income (loss) per share			
As reported	\$2.37	\$0.13	\$(0.83)
Pro forma	2.40	0.13	(0.87)
Diluted net income (loss) per share			
As reported	\$2.32	\$0.13	\$(0.83)
Pro forma	2.35	0.12	(0.87)

The fair value of each option is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions for 2005:

	Year ended December 31, 2005
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Risk-free interest rate	4.17%
Dividend yield	1.69%
Volatility factor	27%
Expected term of options (in years)	10

There were no stock options granted in the three months ended December 31, 2004 or the year ended September 30, 2004.

### Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the tax effects of differences between the consolidated financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities. A valuation allowance is established to reduce deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not that a deferred tax asset will not be realized. The Company files consolidated income tax returns with 1st Independence Bank.

### Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP")

The cost of shares issued to the ESOP, but not yet allocated to participants, is shown as a reduction to stockholders' equity. Compensation expense is based on the market price of shares as they are committed to be released to participant accounts. Dividends on allocated ESOP shares reduce retained earnings; dividends on unearned ESOP shares reduce debt and accrued interest.

### Net Income Per Share

Net income per share has been computed based upon the weighted-average common shares outstanding during each year. Unearned ESOP shares have been excluded from the computation of average shares outstanding.

### Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income consists of net income and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income includes unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale, which are recognized as a separate component of equity. Other comprehensive income (loss) includes \$9,794 and \$375 of unrealized gains related to Citizens for the periods ending December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, for which deferred taxes were provided.

### Effect of Newly Issued But Not Yet Effective Accounting Standards

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") recently issued new accounting

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standards on share-based payments ("Statement 123R"). Statement 123R addresses accounting for share-based payments to employees, including our stock option plan. We will adopt Statement 123R in the first quarter of 2006 as required by the standard. Under the new rules, compensation expense will be based on the fair value of options granted, determined at the date of grant, spread over the employee's vesting or service period; whereas under previous rules, compensation expense was based on the intrinsic value of options granted, which was always zero for our plan. When we adopt Statement 123R in 2006, we do not expect a material impact on net income and net income per share based on current assumptions about the fair value of options granted. Previously reported net income and net income per share will not be restated.

### Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2004 consolidated financial statements to conform to the 2005 consolidated financial statement presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on net income.

### 2. Restrictions on Cash and Due from Banks

The Bank is required by law to maintain average reserve balances, in the form of vault cash and non-interest bearing balances with the Federal Reserve Bank, against a percentage of certain deposit liabilities. The reserve required was approximately \$869,000 and \$1,917,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

### 3. Business Acquisition

On July 9, 2004, the Company acquired 78% of the outstanding common stock of Independence Bancorp, thus completing its acquisition of 100% of Independence Bancorp. The results of Independence Bancorp's operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. Independence Bancorp is the bank holding company of 1st Independence Bank located in New Albany, Indiana. As a result of the acquisition, the Company will have an opportunity to gain entry into the southern Indiana and greater Louisville, Kentucky markets. Also by retaining the charter of IB, the Company effected a conversion of the Bank from a federally chartered savings bank to a Kentucky chartered commercial bank.

The aggregate purchase price, including vested stock options, was \$17,656,000. The value of the common shares issued was determined based upon their market value as of the acquisition date. The value of the vested options was determined using an option pricing model.

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition of the remaining 78% interest of the outstanding common stock (in thousands).

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,008
Securities	6,224
Loans held for sale	771
Loans, net	96,019
Premises and equipment	1,463
Core deposits	27
Goodwill	10,851
Other assets	1,615
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Total assets acquired	120,978
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Deposits	95,302
Long-term debt	7,344
Other liabilities	676
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Total liabilities assumed	103,322
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Net assets acquired	\$ 17,656
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In connection with the acquisition of the remaining 78% interest in Independence Bancorp, the Company engaged an independent third party valuation professional to determine the amount of the core deposit intangible and adjusted its carrying value as of the acquisition date to the amount from the valuation. The third party valuation was \$258,000, resulting in additional \$27,000 allocation to the acquisition of the remaining 78% interest. The core deposit base has a useful life of approximately eight years and is being amortized using accelerated methods.

The goodwill acquired was assigned entirely to the banking segment of the Company. Of that total amount, none is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

Premiums on loans and deposits are being amortized over 39 months and nine months, respectively, using the level yield method.

The following pro forma disclosures, including the effect of the purchase accounting adjustments, depict the results of operations as though the merger had taken place at the beginning of the year ended September 30, 2004 (in thousands except per share data).

	Year ended September 30, 2004 -----
Net interest income	\$6,789
Net loss	(1,162)
Basic and diluted net income per share	(0.61)

#### 4. Completion of Subsidiary Disposal

On January 28, 2005 the Company completed the sale of its entire interest in its majority owned subsidiary, Citizens Financial Bank, Inc., to Porter Bancorp, Inc. for \$2.3 million, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2004, between Porter Bancorp, Inc. and the Company. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standard No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets", the financial position and results of operations of Citizens prior to the sale were removed from the detail line items in the Company's financial statements and presented separately as "subsidiary held for disposal." Recorded goodwill related to the Company's investment in Citizens in the amount of \$356,000 was written off as impaired in the fourth quarter of 2004.

In a related transaction, on January 28, 2005, the Company's subsidiary bank, 1st Independence Bank, Inc., purchased a commercial building located in Louisville, Kentucky, for \$2.3 million from Ascencia Bank, Inc., an affiliate of Porter Bancorp, Inc.

The following is a condensed balance sheet as of December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 and a condensed statement of operations for the three month period ended December 31, 2004 and the year ended September 30, 2004 for Citizens (in thousands):

December 31,  
2004  
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September  
2004  
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Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,796	\$ 1
Available-for-sale securities	5,777	7
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$596 at December 31, 2004 and \$582 at September 30, 2004	28,930	30
Premises and equipment, net	209	
Other real estate owned	404	
Other assets	1,030	1
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Total assets	\$38,146	\$41
	=====	====
Liabilities		
Deposits	\$31,829	\$34
Federal funds purchased	254	
FHLB advances	1,949	2
Other liabilities	97	
	-----	----
Total liabilities	34,129	37
Stockholders' equity	4,017	4
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$38,146	\$41
	=====	====

	Three months ended December 31, 2004	Year ended September 30, 2004
	-----	-----
Interest income	\$554	\$2,356
Interest expense	236	1,213
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Net interest income	318	1,143
Provision for loan losses	13	80
Noninterest income	56	202
Noninterest expense	337	1,230
Income tax expense	17	13
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Net income	\$ 7	\$ 22
	=====	=====

5. Securities

The amortized cost and approximate fair value of securities are as follows (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized (Losses)
	-----	-----	-----
Available-for-sale securities			
December 31, 2005			
U.S. government agencies	\$ 1,999	\$ 1	\$ (26)
State and municipal	2,643	26	(59)
Mortgage-backed	11,705	16	(165)
Equity securities	-	-	-

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	\$16,347	\$ 43	\$ (250)
	=====	=====	=====
December 31, 2004			
U.S. government agencies	\$ 2,533	\$ 1	\$ (9)
State and municipal	485	21	(1)
Mortgage-backed	17,910	178	(77)
Equity securities	76	5,606	-
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	\$21,004	\$5,806	\$ (87)
	=====	=====	=====
September 30, 2004			
U.S. government agencies	\$ 2,545	\$ 5	\$ (1)
State and municipal	485	22	-
Mortgage-backed	18,973	242	(51)
Equity securities	76	5,029	-
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	\$22,079	\$5,298	\$ (52)
	=====	=====	=====
Held-to-maturity securities			
December 31, 2005			
State and municipal	\$1,975	\$ 40	\$ (41)
Mortgage-backed	-	-	-
	-----	-----	-----
	\$1,975	\$ 40	\$ (41)
	=====	=====	=====
December 31, 2004			
State and municipal	\$2,148	\$ 58	\$ (43)
Mortgage-backed	2	-	-
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	\$2,150	\$ 58	\$ (43)
	=====	=====	=====
September 30, 2004			
State and municipal	\$2,151	\$ 68	\$ (40)
Mortgage-backed	2	-	-
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	\$2,153	\$ 68	\$ (40)
	=====	=====	=====

The amortized cost and approximate fair value of available-for-sale securities and held-to-maturity securities at December 31, 2005, by contractual maturity, are shown below (in thousands). Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

	Available for Sale		Held to Ma
	Amortized Cost	Approximate Fair Value	Amortized Cost
	-----	-----	-----
Due within one year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5
Due after one year through five years	2,184	2,156	135
Due after five years through ten years	434	421	1,460
Due after ten years	2,024	2,007	375
Mortgage-backed securities	11,705	11,556	-
Equity securites	-	-	-
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	\$16,347	\$16,140	\$1,975

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The carrying value of securities pledged as collateral, to secure public deposits and for other purposes, was \$2,365,000, \$879,000 and \$925,000 at December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, respectively.

Gross gains of \$5,012,000 and gross losses of \$129,000 resulting from sales of available-for-sale securities were realized for the year ended December 31, 2005 and gross gains of \$313 and gross losses of \$7,514 resulting from sales of available-for-sale securities were realized for the year ended September 30, 2004. There were no sales of securities for the three months ended December 31, 2004.

The following table is a summary of investment securities with gross unrealized losses at December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position (in thousands):

	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Fair Value
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	
December 31, 2005					
U.S. government agencies	\$ 974	\$ (26)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 974
State and municipal	2,098	(56)	794	(44)	2,846
Mortgage-backed	10,573	(165)	-	-	10,573
Total temporarily impaired	\$13,645	\$ (247)	\$ 794	\$ (44)	\$14,198
December 31, 2004					
U.S. government agencies	\$ 503	\$ (1)	\$ 991	\$ (9)	\$ 1,493
State and municipal	639	(33)	214	(10)	810
Mortgage-backed	1,582	(26)	4,836	(51)	6,421
Total temporarily impaired	\$2,724	\$ (60)	\$6,041	\$ (70)	\$ 8,735
September 30, 2004					
U.S. government agencies	\$1,506	\$ (2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,504
State and municipal	458	(30)	218	(10)	646
Mortgage-backed	3,402	(24)	3,420	(26)	6,800
Total temporarily impaired	\$5,366	\$ (56)	\$3,638	\$ (36)	\$ 9,012

These declines primarily resulted from recent increases in market interest rates and failure of certain investments to maintain consistent credit quality ratings.

Based on evaluation of available evidence, including recent changes in market interest rates, credit rating information and information obtained from regulatory filings, management believes the declines in fair value for these securities are temporary.



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Should the impairment of any of these securities become other than temporary, the cost basis of the investment will be reduced and the resulting loss recognized in net income in the period the other-than-temporary impairment is identified.

### 6. Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses

The composition of the loan portfolio at each of the dates indicated was as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2005 ----	December 31, 2004 ----	September 30, 2004 ----
Residential real estate	\$128,949	\$125,433	\$115,879
Commercial real estate	46,731	35,746	31,297
Commercial	23,757	21,040	16,983
Construction	51,877	33,600	30,100
Consumer	1,960	3,706	3,937
Home equity	16,615	16,672	14,900
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Total loans	269,889	236,197	213,096
Less allowance for loan losses	2,911	2,549	2,560
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Net loans	\$266,978 =====	\$233,648 =====	\$210,536 =====

Activity in the allowance for loan losses was as follows (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31, 2005 ----	Three months ended December 31, 2004 ----	Year ended September 30, 2004 ----
Balance at the beginning of period	\$2,549	\$2,560	\$ 391
Allowance of Independence Bancorp	-	-	1,046
Provision for loan losses	354	-	1,203
Loans charged off	(11)	(46)	(84)
Recoveries on loans	19	35	4
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Balance at end of period	\$2,911 =====	\$2,549 =====	\$2,560 =====

Impaired loans were as follows (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31, 2005 ----	Three months ended December 31, 2004 ----	Year ended September 30, 2004 ----
Impaired loans at end of period	\$514	\$565	\$688
Impaired loans at end of period with allowance allocated	448	181	93
Allowance allocated for impaired loans	128	102	72
Average impaired loans during the period	511	568	173
Interest income recognized during the period	19	8	7
Interest income received during the period	18	5	5

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Nonperforming loans were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2005 ----	December 31, 2004 ----	September 30, 2004 ----
Loans past due 90 days or more and still on accrual	\$ 130	\$ 332	\$ 363
Nonaccrual loans	1,140	893	857
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Total nonperforming loans	\$1,270 =====	\$1,225 =====	\$1,220 =====

Loans held for sale activity is as follows (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31, 2005 ----	Three months ended December 31, 2004 ----	Year ended September 30, 2004 ----
Balance at the beginning of period	\$ 2,344	\$ 2,186	\$ -
Acquired in business acquisition	-	-	1,358
Origination of loans held for sale	60,408	18,247	16,263
Sales proceeds	(62,515)	(18,382)	(15,750)
Gain on sales of loans	1,041	293	315
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Balance at end of period	\$ 1,278 =====	\$ 2,344 =====	\$ 2,186 =====

In conjunction with the mortgage banking activities, the Company enters into commitments to originate and commitments to sell loans, both of which are considered derivatives. The Company's commitments are generally for fixed rate mortgage loans, lasting 45 days and are at market rates when initiated. The Company had commitments to originate \$2,669,000, \$1,739,000 and \$10,861,000 in loans as of December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, respectively, which it intends to sell.

### 7. Premises and Equipment

A summary of premises and equipment follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2005 ----	December 31, 2004 ----	September 30, 2004 ----
Land	\$1,387	\$ 679	\$ 697
Buildings and improvements	5,714	3,323	3,268
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	2,460	2,332	2,038
Construction in progress	151	304	176
	-----	-----	-----
	9,712	6,638	6,179
Less accumulated depreciation	1,497	1,253	1,157
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Net premises and equipment	\$8,215 =====	\$5,385 =====	\$5,022 =====

Depreciation expense was \$613,000, \$106,000 and \$352,000 for the year ended December 31, 2005, the three months ended December 31, 2004 and the year ended September 30, 2004, respectively.

### 8. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill is as follows (in thousands):

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	Year ended December 31, 2005 -----	Three months ended December 31, 2004 -----	Year ended September 30, 2004 -----
Balance at the beginning of period	\$11,142	\$11,188	\$ 356
Impairment	-	(46)	(356)
Acquired goodwill	-	-	11,188
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Balance at end of period	\$11,142 =====	\$11,142 =====	\$11,188 =====

In 2003, the Company acquired 22.5% of the outstanding shares of Independence Bancorp for a total cost of \$2,000,000, which was paid in cash. The Company recorded its investment using the equity method, and accordingly, recognized its proportionate share of the earnings of the investee. The excess of the purchase price over the underlying equity in net assets of \$258,233 was recognized as a core deposit intangible and is being amortized over eight-years using an accelerated method.

Acquired intangible assets are as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2005 -----	December 31, 2004 -----	September 30, 2004 -----
Core deposit intangible	\$258	\$258	\$258
Less accumulated amortization	78	24	9
	-----	-----	-----
Net core deposit intangible	\$180 =====	\$234 =====	\$249 =====

Estimated amortization expense for each of the next five years follows (in thousands):

2006	\$47
2007	40
2008	33
2009	26
2010	19

#### 9. Leases

As a result of the merger, the Company assumed the following operating leases entered into by Independence Bancorp:

A lease was entered into in December 2000 to lease an office facility which is now the Bank's New Albany, Indiana branch from an entity owned by the Company's Chairman under an operating lease for 15 years. Base monthly rentals are \$10,000, with increases in January 2006 and 2011 equal to the percentage increase in the U. S. Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers ("CPI-U") for the prior five-year period. The Company may purchase the facility at any time for \$1,187,000, plus an increase equal to the percentage increase in the CPI-U from January 1, 2001, until the month of purchase.

A lease was entered into in December 2001 to lease an office building for the Bank's Jeffersonville, Indiana branch. This three year operating lease was from January 1, 2002, through year-end 2004 with three three-year renewal options. In March 2005, the Bank exercised its option to purchase the facility for \$322,000.

A lease was entered into in August 2002 to lease an office facility for the Bank's mortgage banking operations. This three year operating lease was from August 1, 2002, to July 31, 2005, with a two-year renewal option. Monthly payments were \$2,200, \$2,300 and \$2,400 through July 2003, 2004 and 2005,

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respectively. The Bank moved its mortgage banking operations to a building that was purchased in 2005 by the Bank and did not renew this lease.

A lease was entered into in April 2003 to lease an office building for the Bank's St. Matthews, Kentucky branch. This 15-year operating lease is from May 1, 2003, through April 30, 2018, with a five-year renewal option. Monthly payments are \$4,000, \$4,500, \$5,000, \$6,500 and \$8,000 through April 2005, 2007, 2009, 2013 and 2018, respectively.

A lease was entered into in May 2004 to lease an office facility for the Bank's Clarksville, Indiana branch from an entity owned by the Company's Chairman under an operating lease starting in October 2004 for 15 years. The lease contains a provision for additional rent in addition to the base rent for common area expenses. This common area expense rent adjusts annually based upon the actual expenses paid by the landlord. Monthly payments are \$4,550, \$5,155 and \$5,855 through September 2009, 2014 and 2019, respectively.

Rent expense for operating leases was \$267,000, \$64,000 and \$40,000 for the year ended December 31, 2005, the three months ended December 31, 2004, and the year ended September 30, 2004, respectively. Rent expense paid to related parties was \$181,000, \$44,000 and \$30,000 for the year ended December 31, 2005, the three months ended December 31, 2004, and the year ended September 30, 2004, respectively. Rent commitments under noncancelable operating leases at December 31, 2005 were as follows, before considering renewal options (in thousands):

2006	\$ 237
2007	239
2008	235
2009	248
2010	260
Thereafter	1,845
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	\$3,064
	=====

### 10. Interest-bearing deposits

Interest-bearing time deposits in denominations of \$100,000 or more were \$68,962,000, \$60,030,000 and \$52,012,000 on December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, respectively. Time deposits include \$59,618,000 and \$35,525,000 of brokered deposits at December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. There were no brokered deposits at September 30, 2004.

At December 31, 2005, the scheduled maturities of time deposits are as follows (in thousands):

2006	\$161,008
2007	27,406
2008	5,407
2009	1,880
2010	830
Thereafter	1,055
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	\$197,586
	=====

### 11. Short-term Borrowings

Short-term borrowings were as follows (in thousands):

December 31, 2005 ----	December 31, 2004 ----	September 2004 ----
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Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	\$ 747	\$ 733	\$ 621
Single maturity FHLB advance with variable rate of 4.33% and maturity date of March 22, 2006	18,000	-	-
Single maturity FHLB advances with variable rate of 2.42% and maturity dates of January 14, 2005, through February 18, 2005	-	22,500	-
Single maturity FHLB advances with variable rate of 2.03% and maturity dates of October 29, 2004 and November 23, 2004	-	-	6,500
	-----	-----	-----
	\$18,747	\$23,233	\$7,121
	=====	=====	=====

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase consist of obligations of the Bank to other parties. The obligations are secured by the underlying securities and such collateral is held by First Tennessee Bank. The maximum amount of outstanding agreements at any month end during the year ended December 31, 2005, the three months ending December 31, 2004, and the year ended September 30, 2004, totaled \$747,000, \$733,000 and \$782,000, respectively, and the average of such agreements totaled \$514,000, \$574,000 and \$626,000 for the year ended December 31, 2005, the three months ended December 31, 2004 and the year ended September 30, 2004, respectively. The agreements at December 31, 2005, mature within one to three days.

The Company had a \$2.5 million line of credit with an unaffiliated institution that the Company elected to cancel in January 2006. The Company had never borrowed against the line of credit.

12. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt was as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2005 ----	December 31, 2004 ----	September 2004 ----
FHLB advance with fixed rate of 5.20% with maturity date of March 7, 2011	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
FHLB advance with fixed rate of 1.95% with maturity date of June 9, 2006	3,000	3,000	3,000
FHLB advance with fixed rate of 2.32% with maturity date of September 12, 2005	-	968	95
Subordinated debentures	9,279	9,279	9,279
	-----	-----	-----
	\$13,279	\$14,247	\$14,233
	=====	=====	=====

The FHLB advances are secured by mortgage loans; the minimum balance required was approximately \$27,800,000, \$37,125,000 and \$17,250,000 at December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, respectively. The advances are subject to restrictions or penalties in the event of prepayment.

Aggregate annual maturities of FHLB borrowings at December 31, 2005, were (in thousands):

2006

\$3,000

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2011	1,000
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	\$4,000
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The subordinated debentures relate to transactions entered into as part of the formation of two separate trusts in 2003. One trust (Harrodsburg Statutory Trust I) was formed by the Company and the other trust (Independence Bancorp Statutory Trust I) was formed by Independence Bancorp and acquired by the Company as part of the acquisition of Independence. Both trusts were formed to issue trust preferred securities as part of pooled offerings. The Company issued \$5,155,000 of subordinated debentures and Independence issued \$4,124,000 of subordinated debentures to the respective trusts in exchange for the proceeds of the offerings. Issuance costs are being amortized over the life of the preferred securities. Distributions on each issue are paid quarterly on March 26, June 26, September 26 and December 26 of each year.

The subordinated debentures, which mature March 26, 2033, are redeemable prior to the maturity date at the option of the Company on or after March 26, 2008 at their principal amount plus accrued interest. As defined in the trust indentures, the prepayment would require prior approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The Company also has the option to defer interest payments on the subordinated debentures from time to time for a period not to exceed twenty consecutive quarters. If payments are deferred, the Company is prohibited from paying dividends to its common stockholders.

The \$5,155,000 subordinated debentures bear interest at 6.4% through March 26, 2008 and thereafter a variable rate with repricing quarterly based on the three-month London Interbank Offering Rate ("LIBOR") plus 3.15%. The \$4,124,000 subordinated debentures bear interest at a variable rate repricing quarterly based on the three-month LIBOR plus 3.15%. At December 31, 2005 that rate was 7.67%.

During the year ended September 30, 2004, the Company applied the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46 (Revised), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities", to its trust preferred security issues. The primary impact of this change was to report the Company's subordinated debentures to the Trusts on the face of the accompanying balance sheet rather than the capital notes issued by the Trust, as was previously presented. This change has been made for all periods presented. This change did not have a material impact on the Company's total assets, liabilities, stockholders' equity or results of operations.

### 13. Income Taxes

The provision (benefit) for income taxes includes these components (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended December 31, 2004	Year ended September 30, 2004
	----	----	----
Current	\$2,270	\$27	\$ 5
Deferred	3	68	(768)
	-----	---	----
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$2,273	\$95	\$(763)
	=====	===	=====

A reconciliation of income tax expense (benefit) at the statutory rate to the Company's actual income tax expense (benefit) is shown below (in thousands):

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	Year ended December 31, 2005 ----	Three months ended December 31, 2004 ----	Year ended September 30, 2004 ----
Computed at the statutory rate of 34%	\$2,296	\$114	\$(631)
Increase (decrease) resulting from:			
State income taxes	97	5	(41)
Tax exempt interest	(79)	(16)	(25)
Nondeductible expenses	13	4	6
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	(64)	(15)	(60)
Other	10	3	(12)
	-----	-----	-----
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$2,273	\$ 95	\$(763)
	=====	=====	=====

The significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities are reflected in the following table (in thousands):

	December 31, 2005 ----	December 31, 2004 ----	September 30, 2004 ----
Deferred tax assets			
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 971	\$ 871	\$ 875
Basis differential in equity method investment	-	211	208
ESOP liability	57	67	57
Deferred loan fees	283	227	226
Net operating loss and charitable contribution carryovers	-	119	179
Alternative minimum tax credit carryover	-	9	--
Transaction costs	35	38	38
Accrued salary costs	-	17	30
Building donation	90	-	--
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities	71	-	--
Other	4	-	--
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Total deferred tax assets	1,511	1,559	1,613
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Deferred tax liabilities			
Depreciation	386	400	345
Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends	532	511	503
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	-	1,944	1,784
Core deposit intangible	64	78	90
Fair market value adjustments	141	236	273
Other	1	15	15
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Total deferred tax liabilities	1,124	3,184	3,010
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Net deferred tax (assets) liabilities	(\$387)	\$1,625	\$1,397
	=====	=====	=====

Retained earnings at December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, include approximately \$2,135,000 for which no deferred federal income tax liability has been recognized. This amount represents an allocation of income to bad debt deductions for tax purposes only. Reduction of amounts so allocated for

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purposes other than tax bad debt losses or adjustments arising from carryback of net operating losses would create income for tax purposes only, which would be subject to the then-current corporate income tax rate. The deferred income tax liabilities on the preceding amounts that would have been recorded if they were expected to reverse into taxable income in the foreseeable future were approximately \$726,000 at December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004.

### 14. Capital Requirements and Restrictions on Retained Earnings

Banks and holding companies are subject to regulatory capital requirements administered by federal banking agencies. Capital adequacy guidelines and, additionally for banks, prompt corrective action regulations involve quantitative measures of assets, liabilities and certain off-balance-sheet items calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments by regulators. Failure to meet capital requirements can initiate regulatory action.

Prompt corrective action regulations provide five classifications: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized, although these terms are not used to represent overall financial condition. If adequately capitalized, regulatory approval is required to accept brokered deposits. If undercapitalized, capital distributions are limited, as is asset growth and expansion, and capital restoration plans are required.

At year-end 2005, the Company and the Bank were considered well capitalized under these regulations. Actual and required capital amounts and ratios are presented below (in thousands except ratios).

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of December 31, 2005				
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)				
Consolidated	\$38,987	15.1%	\$20,671	8.0%
Bank	35,082	13.6	20,643	8.0
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)				
Consolidated	33,845	13.1	10,335	4.0
Bank	32,171	12.5	10,322	4.0
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)				
Consolidated	33,845	10.2	13,269	4.0
Bank	32,171	9.7	13,212	4.0
As of December 31, 2004				
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)				
Consolidated	\$36,984	15.6%	\$19,019	8.0%
Bank	31,642	15.1	16,775	8.0
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)				
Consolidated	31,555	13.3	9,509	4.0
Bank	26,570	12.7	8,387	4.0
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)				
Consolidated	31,555	9.6	13,184	4.0
Bank	26,570	9.5	11,187	4.0



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As of September 30, 2004

Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)				
Consolidated	\$35,898	16.2%	\$17,704	8.0%
Bank	30,372	15.8	15,339	8.0
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)				
Consolidated	30,854	13.9	8,852	4.0
Bank	25,709	13.4	7,670	4.0
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)				
Consolidated	30,854	9.9	12,463	4.0
Bank	25,709	10.0	10,296	4.0

The Bank is subject to certain regulations on the amount of dividends it may declare without prior regulatory approval. Under these regulations, the amount of dividends that may be paid in any year is limited to that year's net profits, as defined, combined with the retained net profits of the preceding two years, less dividends declared during those periods. The Company's ability to pay dividends is substantially determined by the Bank's ability to pay dividends to the Company. At January 1, 2006, the Bank could pay dividends of approximately \$5,278,000 to the Company without regulatory approval.

### 15. Related Party Transactions

Loans to executive officers and directors, including loans to affiliated companies of which executive officers and directors are principal owners, and loans to members of the immediate family of such persons are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended December 31, 2004	Year ended September 30, 2004
Balance at beginning of period	\$5,397	\$4,571	\$ 451
Changes in composition of related parties	4,308	-	-
New loans, including renewals and advances	4,026	832	4,727
Payments, including renewals	(3,748)	(6)	(607)
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Balance at end of period	\$9,983	\$5,397	\$4,571
	=====	=====	=====

In management's opinion, such loans and other extensions of credit and deposits were made in the ordinary course of business and were made on substantially the same terms (including interest rates and collateral) as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons. Further, in management's opinion, these loans did not involve more than normal risk of collectibility or present other unfavorable features.

Deposits from related parties held by the Bank at December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, totaled \$839,000, \$1,578,000 and \$826,000, respectively.

Leases from related parties are disclosed in Note 9.

### 16. Employee Benefits

The Bank terminated its noncontributory defined benefit pension plan (Pension Trust) as of July 9, 2004, and accrued a termination payment of \$231,000 in the fourth quarter of the year ending September 30, 2004, upon determining the termination liability. The multi-employer pension plan covered all full-time employees with one year of service who had attained the age of 21. Pension

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expense, including termination payments, for the three month period ended December 31, 2004, and the year ended September 30, 2004, was \$0 and \$306,000, respectively.

The Bank has a retirement savings 401(k) plan covering substantially all employees. The Company amended the plan at the time of merger allowing employees to contribute up to 15% of their compensation with 1st Independence Bank, which is matched at a discretionary rate determined annually by the board of directors. Prior to the amendment, employees could contribute up to 15% of their compensation with the Bank matching 25% of the employee's contribution on the first 6% of the employee's compensation. Employer contributions charged to expense for the year ended December 31, 2005, the three months ended December 31, 2004 and the year ended September 30, 2004, were \$91,000, \$21,000 and \$35,000, respectively.

As part of the conversion of the Bank from the mutual to stock form of ownership, in 1995 the Company established an employee stock ownership plan ("ESOP") covering substantially all employees of the Bank. The ESOP acquired 174,570 shares of Company common stock at \$10 per share at the time of the conversion with funds provided by a loan from the Company. Accordingly, \$1,745,700 of common stock acquired by the ESOP was shown as a reduction of stockholders' equity. Shares are released to participants proportionately as the loan is repaid. Dividends on allocated shares are recorded as dividends and charged to retained earnings. Dividends on unallocated shares are used to reduce the Bank's obligation to repay the loan and are treated as compensation expense. Compensation expense is recorded equal to the fair market value of the stock when contributions are made to the ESOP.

ESOP expense for the year ended December 31, 2005, the three month ended December 31, 2004, and the year ended September 30, 2004, was \$210,000, \$50,000 and \$89,000, respectively.

	December 31, 2005 ----	December 31, 2004 ----	September 30, 2004 ----
Allocated shares	119,925	117,268	106,705
Shares released for allocation	10,941	2,657	10,563
Unearned shares	38,024	48,965	51,622
Less shares distributed to former employees	(10,303)	-	-
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Total ESOP shares	158,587	168,890	168,890
	=====	=====	=====
Fair value of unearned shares	\$703,444	\$929,356	\$1,032,440
	=====	=====	=====

### 17. Stock Incentives

The Company has two stock option plans. The 1996 plan is a fixed option plan under which the Company may grant options that vest over four years (20% immediate and 20% on each of the next four anniversary dates) to selected employees for up to 200,000 shares of common stock. The exercise price of each option is intended to equal the fair value of the Company's stock on the date of grant. An option's maximum term is 10 years. At December 31, 2005, 20,000 options remain available to be granted under this plan.

In July 2004, the Company formed a second plan for up to 300,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The plan allows for both incentive and non-qualified options to be granted at the discretion of the Company's board of directors, generally with ten year maturities and with a three year vesting schedule (25% immediate and 25% on each of the next three anniversary dates). Commensurate with the Company's acquisition of Independence, 60,300 options of Independence

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were transferred into the plan at their existing terms. At December 31, 2005, 232,200 options remain available to be granted under this plan.

In addition to the two stock option plans described above, the Company has a restricted stock plan that was approved by the stockholders of the Company in 1997. The restricted stock plan allows for awards to selected employees for up to 85,000 shares of the Company's common stock. Awards made to employees under the plan have a five year vesting schedule (20% on each of the five anniversary dates following the date of grant). The Company expenses the restricted stock awards over the years during which the shares vest based on the fair market value of the common stock at the date of the grant to the employee. As of December 31, 2005, 1,500 shares had been awarded that were still outstanding.

The following summarizes activity under the plans for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005:

	Options		
	Shares	Range of Exercise Prices	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding September 30, 2003	200,000	\$11.26 to \$16.50	\$16.29
Granted	-	-	-
Options transferred in acquisition of Independence	60,300	\$8.00 to \$10.00	\$8.82
Exercised	(5,000)	\$16.50	\$16.50
Forfeited	-	-	-
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Outstanding September 30, 2004	255,300	\$8.00 to \$16.50	\$14.52
Granted	-	-	-
Exercised	(3,000)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Forfeited	-	-	-
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Outstanding December 31, 2004	252,300	\$8.00 to \$16.50	\$14.58
Granted	10,000	\$18.99	\$18.99
Exercised	(54,500)	\$8.00 to \$16.50	\$15.61
Forfeited	(22,500)	\$13.50 to \$18.99	\$16.11
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Outstanding December 31, 2005	185,300	\$8.00 to \$18.99	\$14.33
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(Weighted average contractual life of 2.6 years)			
Exercisable Options:			
September 30, 2004	253,300	\$8.00 to \$16.50	\$14.55
December 31, 2004	250,300	\$8.00 to \$16.50	\$14.61
December 31, 2005	179,675	\$8.00 to \$18.99	\$14.18

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2005:

	Options Outstanding	Options Exercis
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Range of Exercise Prices	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	W A Exer
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\$8.00	34,050	4.1 years	\$8.00	34,050	
\$10.00	16,250	7.1 years	\$10.00	16,250	
\$11.26	5,000	6.1 years	\$11.26	5,000	
\$16.50 to \$18.99	130,000	1.5 years	\$16.64	124,375	
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\$8.00 to \$18.99	185,300	2.6 years	\$14.33	179,675	
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The weighted average fair value of stock options granted in 2005 was \$6.65.

18. Net Income Per Share Computations

The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the basic and diluted per share computations (in thousands except per share data):

	Year ended December 31, 2005 ----	Three months ended December 31, 2004 ----
Income (numerator) amounts used for basic and diluted per share computations:		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$4,489 =====	\$236 =====
Income from discontinued operations	\$ 4 =====	\$ 7 =====
Net income (loss)	\$4,481 =====	\$240 =====
Shares (denominator) used for basic per share computations:		
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	1,889 =====	1,864 =====
Shares (denominator) used for diluted per share computations:		
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	1,889	1,864
Plus: dilutive effect of stock options	40	53
Adjusted weighted average shares	1,929 =====	1,917 =====
Basic net income (loss) per share:		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$2.38	\$0.13
Income from discontinued operations	-	-
Net income (loss)	2.37	0.13
Diluted net income (loss) per share:		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$2.33	\$0.12
Income from discontinued operations	-	-
Net income (loss)	2.32	0.13

Options to purchase 255,300 common shares, which equates to 46,325 incremental common equivalent shares for the year ended September 30, 2004 were excluded from the diluted calculations above as their effect would have been

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antidilutive. In addition, options to purchase 7,500 common shares for the year ended December 31, 2005 were excluded from the diluted calculations above because the exercise price on the options were greater than the average market price for certain periods within the year.

### 19. Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following table presents estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments. The fair values of certain of these instruments were calculated by discounting expected cash flows, which involves significant judgments by management and uncertainties. Fair value is the estimated amount at which financial assets or liabilities could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. Because no market exists for certain of these financial instruments and because management does not intend to sell these financial instruments, the Company does not know whether the fair values shown below represent values at which the respective financial instruments could be sold individually or in the aggregate (in thousands).

	December 31, 2005		December 31, 2004	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,563	\$ 21,563	\$ 9,946	\$ 9,946
Interest-bearing deposits	100	100	100	100
Available-for-sale securities	16,140	16,140	26,723	26,723
Held-to-maturity securities	1,975	1,974	2,150	2,165
Loans held for sale	1,278	1,297	2,344	2,379
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	266,978	266,091	233,648	234,685
FHLB stock	2,688	2,688	2,588	2,588
Interest receivable	1,665	1,665	1,129	1,129
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Deposits	\$264,323	\$263,115	\$223,308	\$222,488
Short-term borrowings	18,747	18,747	23,233	23,233
Long-term debt	13,279	13,268	14,247	14,283
Interest payable	666	666	272	272

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

**Cash and Cash Equivalents, Interest-bearing Deposits, FHLB Stock and Interest Receivable**

The carrying amount approximates fair value.

**Securities**

Fair values equal quoted market prices, if available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value is estimated based on quoted market prices of similar securities.

**Loans**

The fair value of loans, including loans held for sale, is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the current rates at which similar loans

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would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining maturities. Loans with similar characteristics were aggregated for purposes of the calculations. The carrying amount of accrued interest approximates its fair value.

### Deposits

Deposits include demand deposits, savings accounts, NOW accounts and certain money market deposits. The carrying amount approximates fair value. The fair value of fixed-maturity time deposits is estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies the rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

Short-term Borrowings, FHLB Advances and Interest Payable The carrying amount approximates fair value.

### Long-term Debt

Rates currently available to the Company for debt with similar terms and remaining maturities are used to estimate the fair value of existing debt.

### Commitments to Originate Loans, Letters of Credit and Lines of Credit

The fair value of commitments to originate loans is estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the present creditworthiness of the counterparties. For fixed-rate loan commitments, fair value also considers the difference between current levels of interest rates and the committed rates. The fair value of forward sale commitments is estimated based on current market prices for loans of similar terms and credit quality. The fair values of letters of credit and lines of credit are based on fees currently charged for similar agreements or on the estimated cost to terminate or otherwise settle the obligations with the counterparties at the reporting date. The fair value of commitments to originate loans, letters of credit and lines of credit are not material.

## 20. Significant Estimates and Concentrations and Contingencies

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Estimates related to the allowance for loan losses are reflected in the footnote regarding loans. Current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations of credit risk are discussed in the note on commitments and credit risk.

The Company is a defendant in a lawsuit that asserts that the Company made certain material misrepresentations in connection with certain statements made in connection with the Company's offer to purchase up to 300,000 shares of stock in a tender offer in May 2003. The plaintiffs are seeking to recover damages in connection with the shares they sold in the tender offer and attorneys fees. Based upon the advice of counsel, management records an estimate of the amount of ultimate expected loss for litigation, if any. Management has not recorded a loss for this litigation and, after discussion with legal counsel, believes the ultimate results of this litigation will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Events could occur that could cause the estimate of ultimate loss to differ materially in the near term.

## 21. Commitments and Credit Risks

### Commitments to Originate Loans

Commitments to originate loans are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since a portion of the commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent

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future cash requirements. Each customer's creditworthiness is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary, is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty. Collateral held varies, but may include accounts receivable, inventory, property, plant and equipment, commercial real estate and residential real estate.

At December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, the Bank had outstanding commitments to originate loans aggregating approximately \$3,283,000, \$15,597,000 and \$17,679,000, respectively. The Bank also had commitments to originate approximately \$2,669,000, \$1,739,000 and \$10,861,000, respectively, of fixed rate loans for sale into the secondary market. The commitments extended over varying periods of time with the majority being disbursed within a one-year period.

### Letters of Credit

Letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Bank to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. These guarantees are primarily issued to support public and private borrowing arrangements, including commercial paper, bond financing and similar transactions. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to customers.

The Bank had total outstanding letters of credit amounting to approximately \$2,474,000, \$2,886,000 and \$1,579,000, at December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004, and September 30, 2004, respectively.

### Lines of Credit

Lines of credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Lines of credit generally have fixed expiration dates. Since a portion of the line may expire without being drawn upon, the total unused lines do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Each customer's creditworthiness is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary, is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty. Collateral held varies but may include accounts receivable, inventory, property, plant and equipment, commercial real estate and residential real estate. Management uses the same credit policies in granting lines of credit as it does for on-balance-sheet instruments.

At December 31, 2005, December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004, the Bank had granted unused lines of credit to borrowers aggregating approximately \$57,117,000, \$38,626,000 and \$46,000, respectively.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

At December 31, 2005, the Company had approximately \$5,871,000 of deposits with correspondent banks in excess of federally insured amounts.

### Bank Owned Life Insurance

As of December 31, 2005, the Company's investment in life insurance of \$3,235,000 was with one insurance company.

22. Selected Quarterly Financial Data (unaudited) All amounts are in thousands except per share data.

	Quarter		
	1st	2nd	3rd
2005			
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Interest and dividend income	\$4,085	\$4,398	\$4,766
Interest expense	1,720	1,902	2,108
Net interest income	2,365	2,496	2,658
Provision for loan losses	202	-	60
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	2,163	2,496	2,598
Noninterest income	5,489	642	291
Noninterest expense	2,859	2,436	2,248
Net income	3,109	483	462
Net income per share:			
Basic	1.66	0.26	0.24
Diluted	1.62	0.25	0.24
2004			
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Interest and dividend income	\$1,639	\$1,640	\$3,327
Interest expense	756	724	1,307
Net interest income	883	916	2,020
Provision for loan losses	5	21	1,177
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	878	895	843
Noninterest income	72	(9)	516
Noninterest expense	808	1,902	2,592
Net income (loss)	134	(656)	(754)
Net income (loss) per share:			
Basic	0.11	(0.56)	(0.43)
Diluted	0.11	(0.56)	(0.43)

The net income for the first quarter of 2005 includes a securities gain of \$3.3 million or \$1.77 per basic share and \$1.72 per diluted share securities.

23. 1st Independence Financial Group, Inc. (parent company only)

Condensed Balance Sheets  
(in thousands)

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2004	S
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Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,420	\$ 345	
Investment in subsidiaries	43,373	43,969	
Available-for-sale securities	974	992	
Note receivable	541	673	
Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization	127	132	
Other assets	1,138	883	
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Total assets	\$47,573	\$46,994	
	=====	=====	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Subordinated debentures	\$ 9,279	\$ 9,279	
Dividends payable	-	-	
Other liabilities	33	9	
Stockholders' equity	38,261	37,706	
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$47,573	\$46,994	



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Condensed Statements of Operations  
(in thousands)

	Year ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended December 2004
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Income		
Cash dividends from subsidiaries	\$ -	\$ -
Other income	85	2
Total income	85	2
Expenses		
Interest expense	600	13
Amortization of core deposit intangibles and debt issuance costs	5	34
Other expenses	732	34
Total expenses	1,337	48
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in undistributed net income of subsidiary, and equity in undistributed net income of subsidiary held for disposal	(1,252)	(46)
Income tax expense (benefit) from continuing operations	(467)	(16)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before equity in undistributed net income (loss) of subsidiary, and equity in undistributed net income of subsidiary held for disposal	(785)	(29)
Equity in undistributed net income (loss) of subsidiary from continuing operations	5,266	53
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiary held for disposal	-	-
Net income (loss)	\$4,481	\$ 24

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows  
(in thousands)

	Year ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended December 31, 2004
	-----	-----
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,481	\$ 240
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) operations:		
Amortization of core deposit intangibles and debt issuance costs	5	1
Amortization of unearned compensation on restricted stock	5	-
Deferred income taxes	-	(3)
Amortization of premiums on securities	-	-
Net realized losses on available-for-sale securities	-	-

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Goodwill impairment	-	12
Undistributed net income of subsidiary	(5,266)	(535)
Undistributed net income of unconsolidated statutory trusts	2	-
Income from discontinued operations	-	(4)
Changes in:		
(Increase) in other assets	(304)	(16)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	24	(168)
	-----	-----
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(1,053)	(473)
	-----	-----
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Repayment of note receivable	132	249
Proceeds from the sales of available-for-sale securities	-	-
Proceeds from maturities of available-for-sale securities	-	-
Proceeds from sale of subsidiary	2,300	-
Additional capital contributed to subsidiary	(20)	-
Cash acquired in acquisition	-	-
	-----	-----
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,412	249
	-----	-----
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Purchase of treasury stock	-	-
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	470	30
Cash dividends paid	(754)	-
	-----	-----
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(284)	30
	-----	-----
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,075	(194)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	345	539
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,420	\$ 345
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Item 8. Changes In and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 8A. Controls and Procedures.

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on their evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified by the principal executive officer or principal financial officer that occurred in the three month period ended December 31, 2005 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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Item 8B. Other Information.

Not applicable.

## PART III

Item 9. Directors, Executive Officers, Promoters and Control Persons;  
Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act.

Other than the information set forth below regarding the Company's "Code of Ethics," information concerning this item is omitted from this report pursuant to General Instruction E. (3) of Form 10-KSB and instead is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which the Company intends to file with the Commission not later than 120 days after December 31, 2005.

Code of Ethics

The Company adopted a Code of Conduct for its Principal Executive Officer and Senior Financial Officers (the "Code of Conduct") in June 2003. The Code of Conduct is available free of charge by writing to the Secretary of the Company at 104 South Chiles Street, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, 40330-1620.

Item 10. Executive Compensation.

Information concerning this item is omitted from this report pursuant to General Instruction E. (3) of Form 10-KSB and instead is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which the Company intends to file with the Commission not later than 120 days after December 31, 2005.

Item 11. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

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Item 12. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

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Item 13. Exhibits.

(a) The following exhibits are filed as part of this report.

Exhibit number	Description
2.1	Stock Purchase Agreement (incorporated by reference

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- to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 22, 2004).
- 2.2 Contract of Sale (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 22, 2004).
- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference from the Exhibits to the Company's Form S-1 Registration Statement, initially filed on June 14, 1995, Registration No. 33-93458).
- 3.2 Amended Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 10-KSB filed on December 29, 2004).
- 3.3 Bylaws (incorporated by reference from the Exhibits to the Company's Form S-1, Registration Statement, initially filed on June 14, 1995, Registration No. 33-93458).
- 10.1\* 1996 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-K filed on December 29, 1997).
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- 10.5\* Form of Employment Agreement for Kathy L. Beach (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Form 10-KSB filed on December 29, 2004).
- 10.6\* 2004 Omnibus Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix G to the proxy statement/prospectus contained in the Company's Form S-4 Registration Statement, initially filed on February 27, 2004, Registration No. 333-113163).
- 10.7 Bank Lease with Chalfant Industries, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Form 10-KSB filed on December 29, 2004).
- 10.8\* Form of Stock Option Award under the 1996 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to the Company's Form S-8 Registration Statement, initially filed on August 13, 2004, Registration No. 333-118198).
- 10.9\* Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the

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- Restricted Stock Plan and Trust Agreement  
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to the  
Company's Form S-8 Registration Statement,  
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- 10.10\* Form of Stock Award Agreement under the 2004  
Omnibus Stock Option Plan (incorporated by  
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Effective Amendment No. 1 Under Cover of Form S-8  
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- 10.11\* Severance Agreement and Release, dated March 31,  
2005, by and among the Company, 1st Independence  
Bank and Arthur L. Freeman (incorporated by  
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Form 8-K filed on April 1, 2005).
- 14.1 Code of Ethics for Principal Executive Officer and  
Senior Financial Officers (incorporated by  
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- 21.1 Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
- 23.1 Consent of BKD, LLP.
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14 (a) / 15d-14 (a) Certification of  
Principal Executive Officer  
("Section 302 Certifications").
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14 (a) / 15d-14 (a) Certification of  
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- 32.1 Section 1350 Certifications  
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### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Information concerning this item is omitted from this report pursuant to General Instruction E. (3) of Form 10-KSB and instead is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which the Company intends to file with the Commission not later than 120 days after December 31, 2005.

### SIGNATURES

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

1st INDEPENDENCE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Date: March 16, 2006

By /s/ N. William White

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N. William White, President and

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## Chief Executive Officer

In accordance with the Exchange Act, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature -----	Title -----	Date ----
/s/ Matthew C. Chalfant ----- Matthew C. Chalfant	Chairman of the Board and Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ N. William White ----- N. William White	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 16, 2006
/s/ Jack L. Coleman, Jr. ----- Jack L Coleman, Jr.	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ James W. Dunn ----- James W. Dunn	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ Thomas Les Letton ----- Thomas Les Letton	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ Stephen R. Manecke ----- Stephen R. Manecke	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ Charles Moore II ----- Charles Moore II	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ Ronald L. Receveur ----- Ronald L. Receveur	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ W. Dudley Shryock ----- W. Dudley Shryock	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ H. Lowell Wainwright, Jr. ----- H. Lowell Wainwright, Jr.	Director	March 16, 2006
/s/ R. Michael Wilbourn ----- R. Michael Wilbourn	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 16, 2006
/s/ John F. Barron ----- John F. Barron	Senior Vice President	March 16, 2006

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