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Are Community Banks Going the Way of the Dinosaurs?

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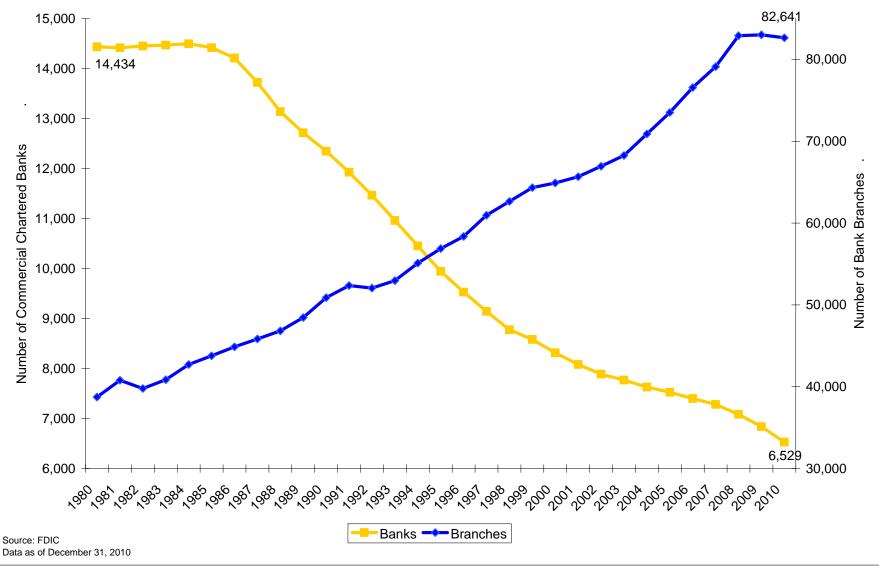
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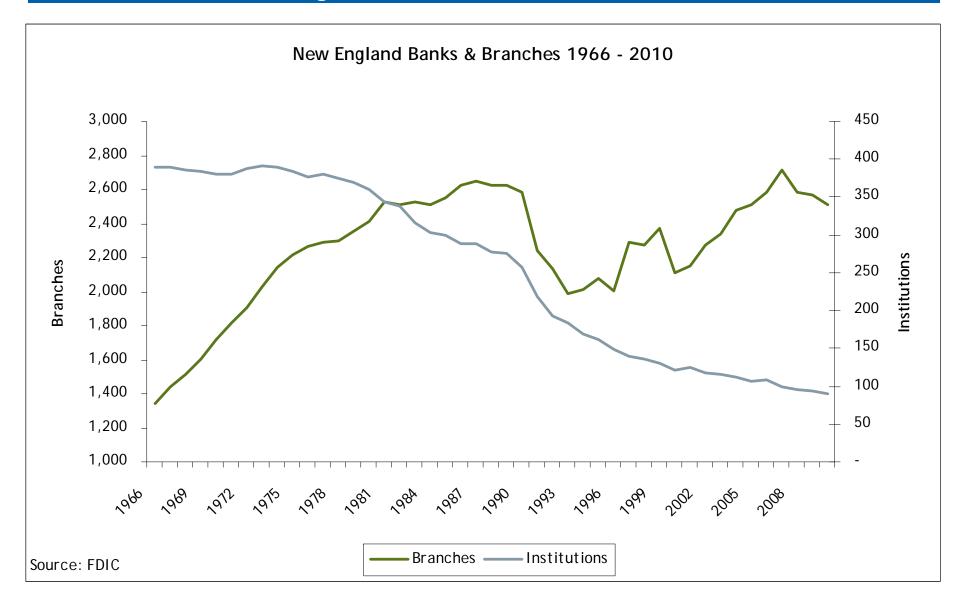
Total Commercial Banks and Branches

Number of Commercial Banks vs. Number of Branches



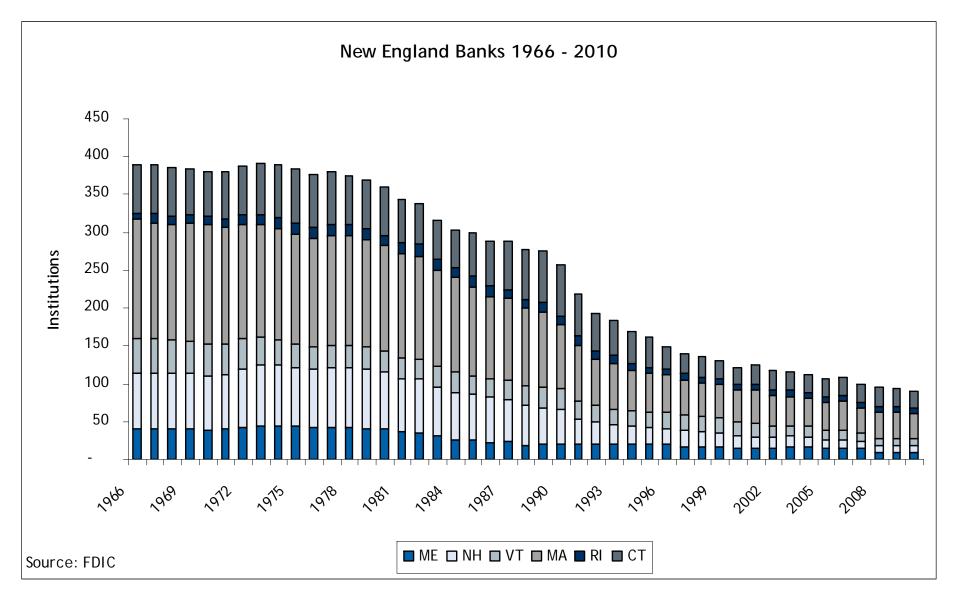
New England Consolidation

New England Banks and Branches 1966 - 2010



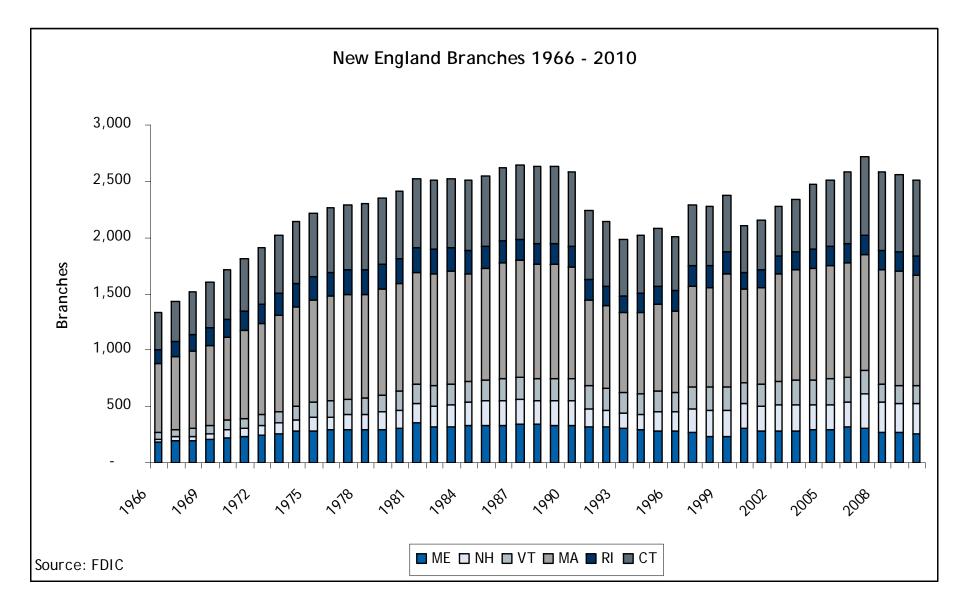
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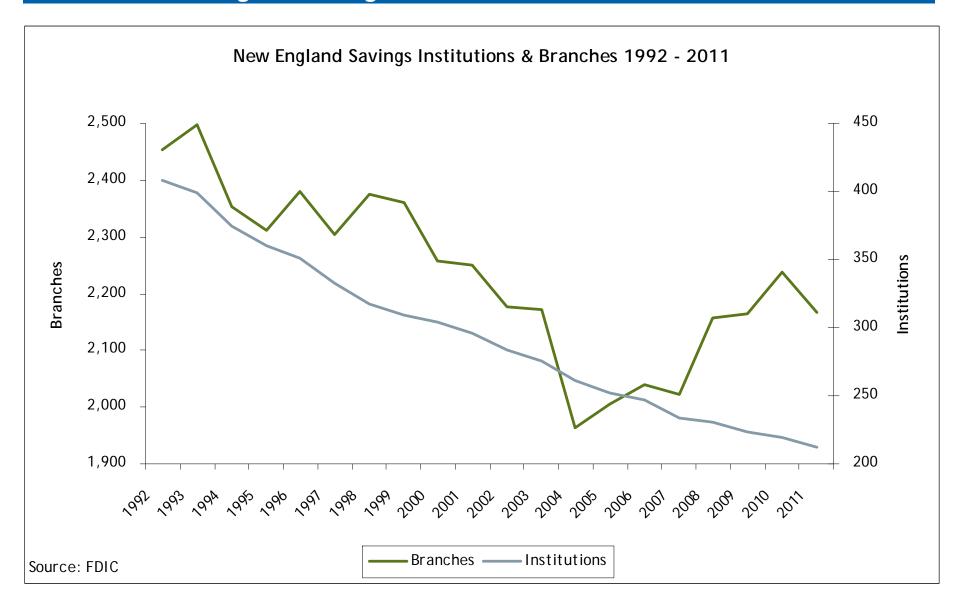
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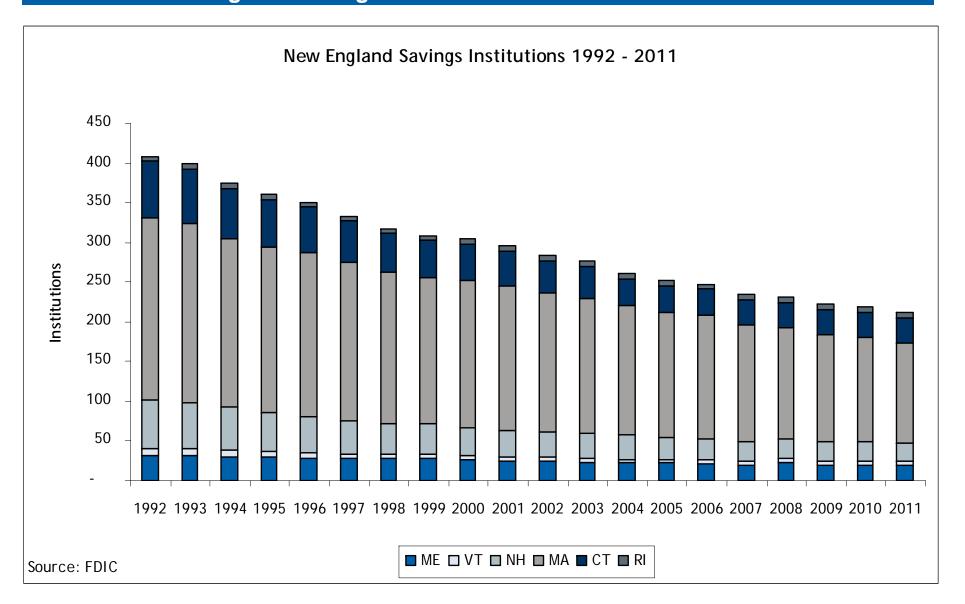
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New England Savings Institutions and Branches 1992 - 2011



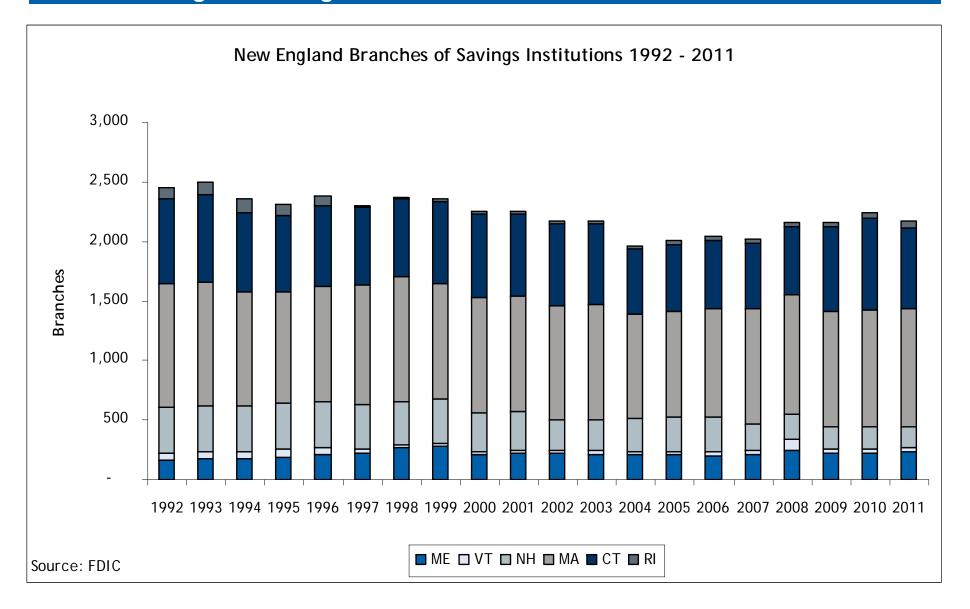
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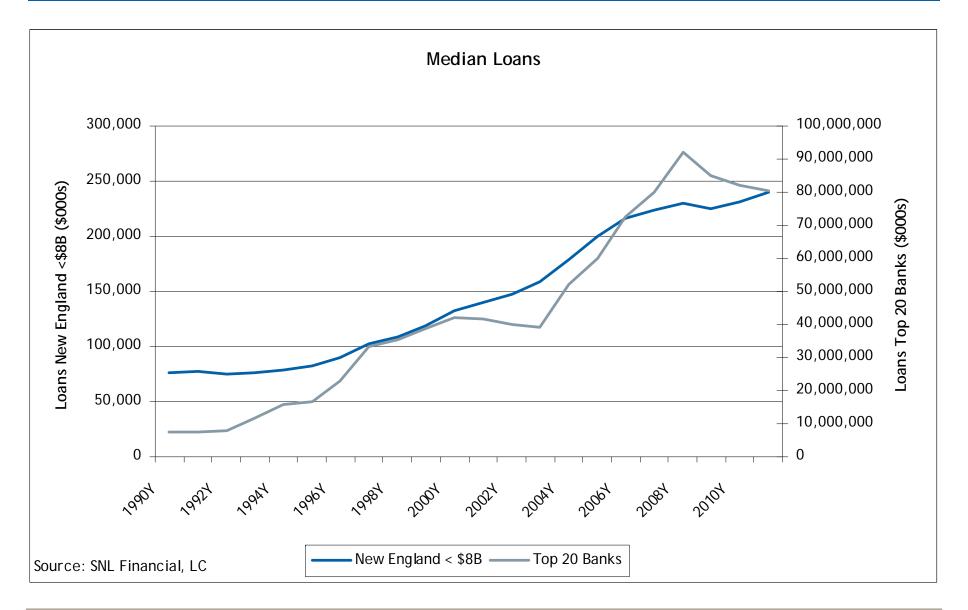


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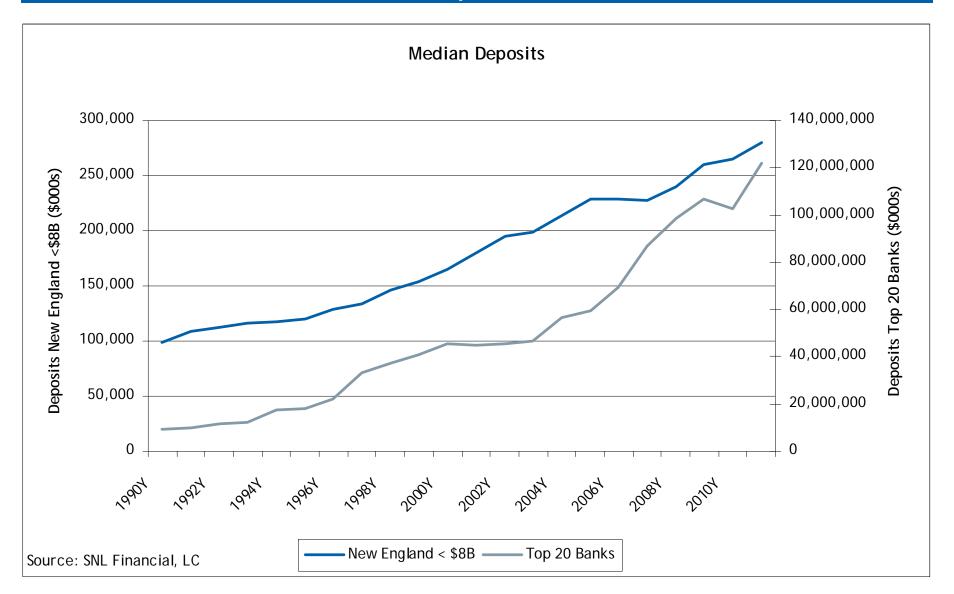


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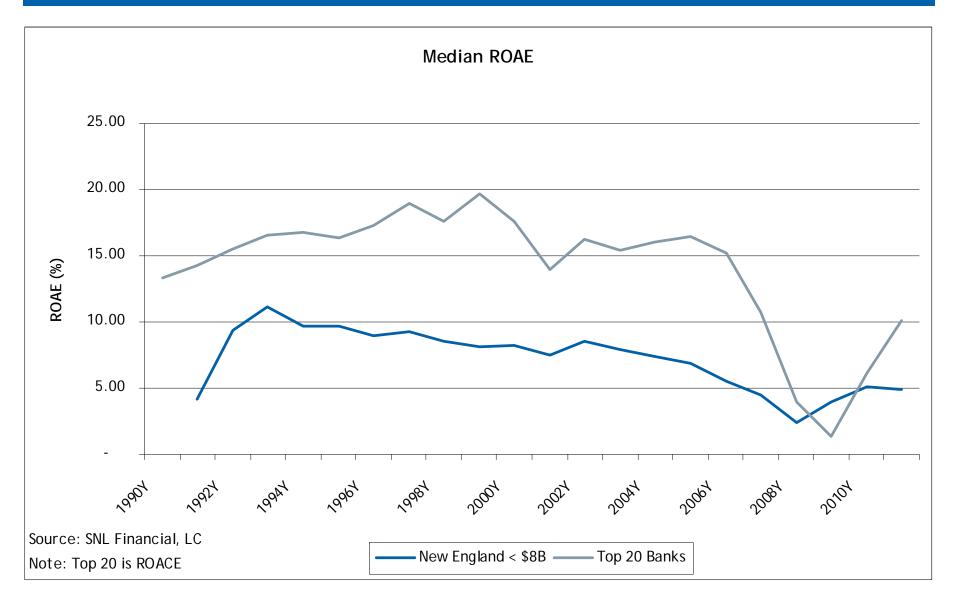
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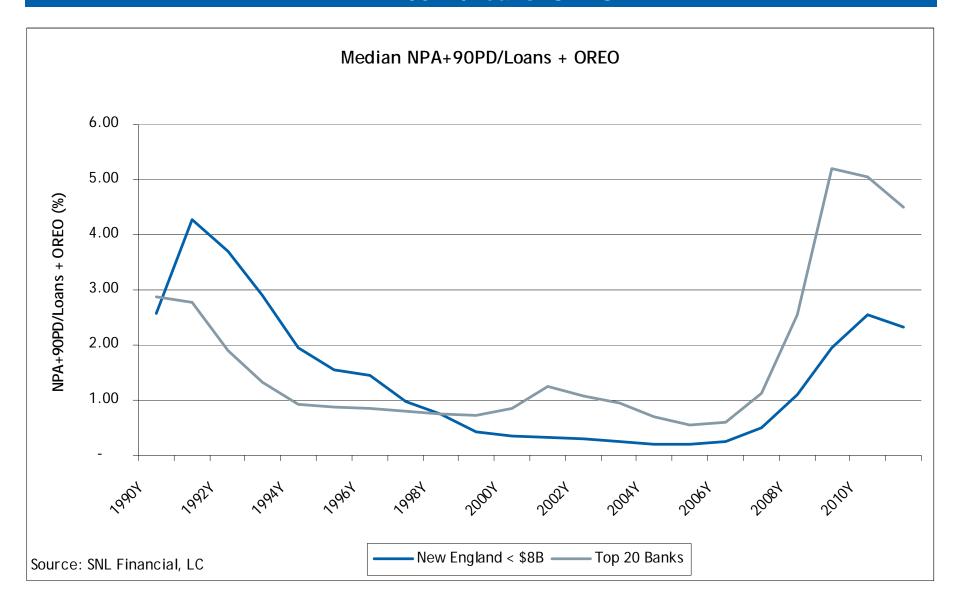
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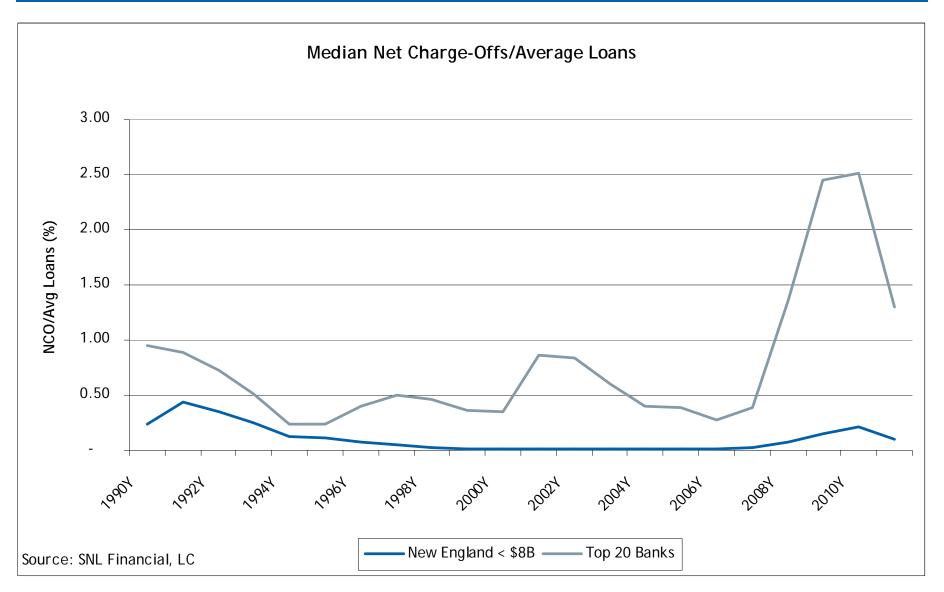
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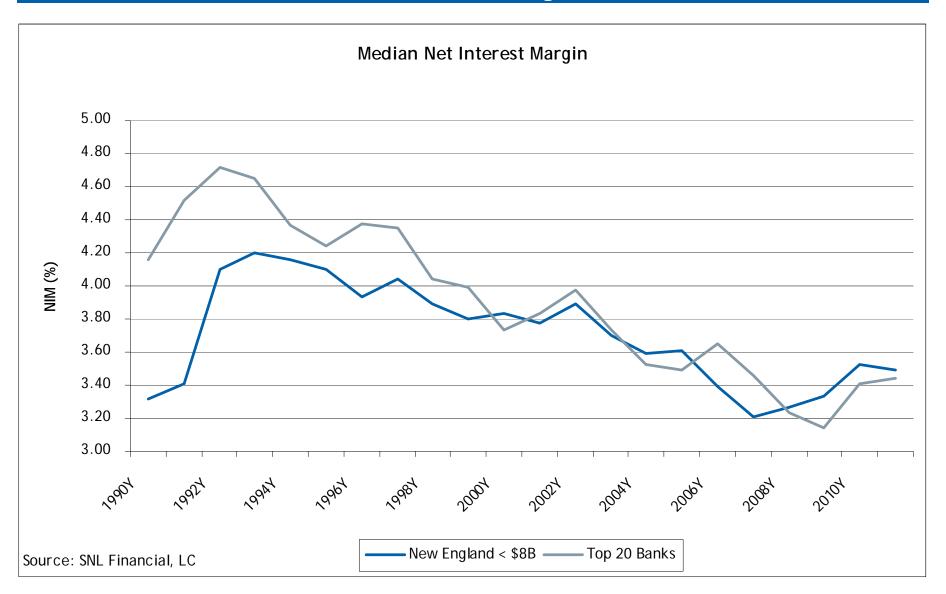
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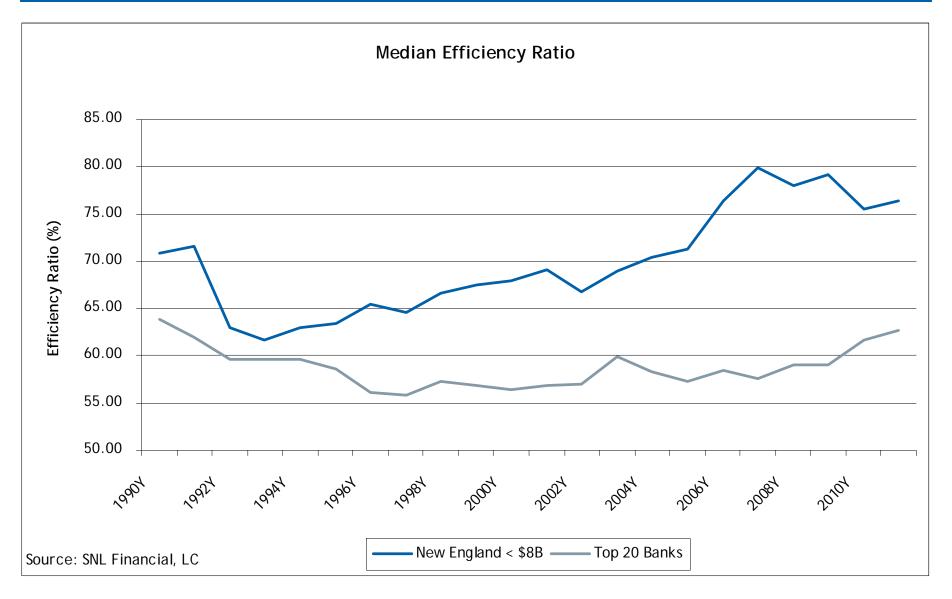
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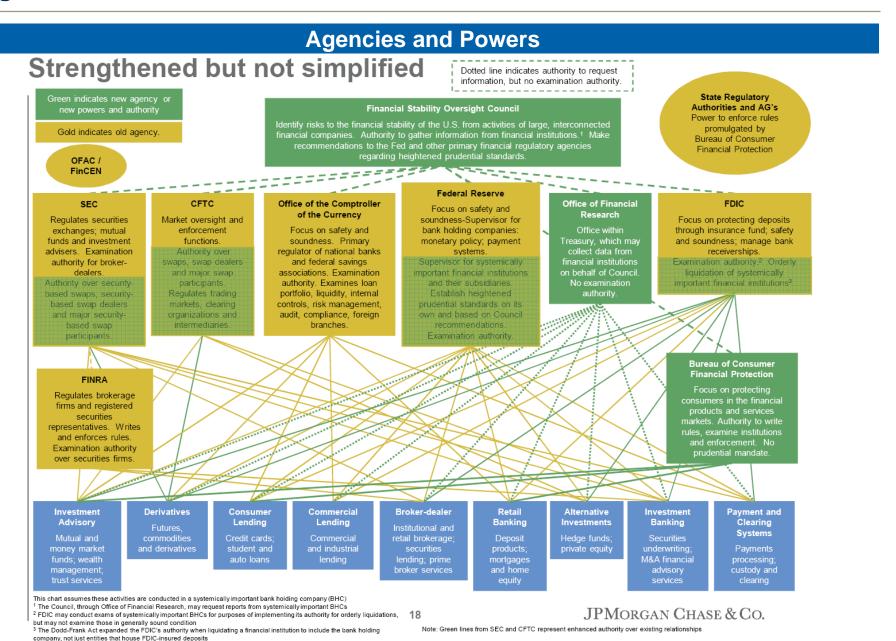
Net Interest Margin



Efficiency Ratio



Regulation



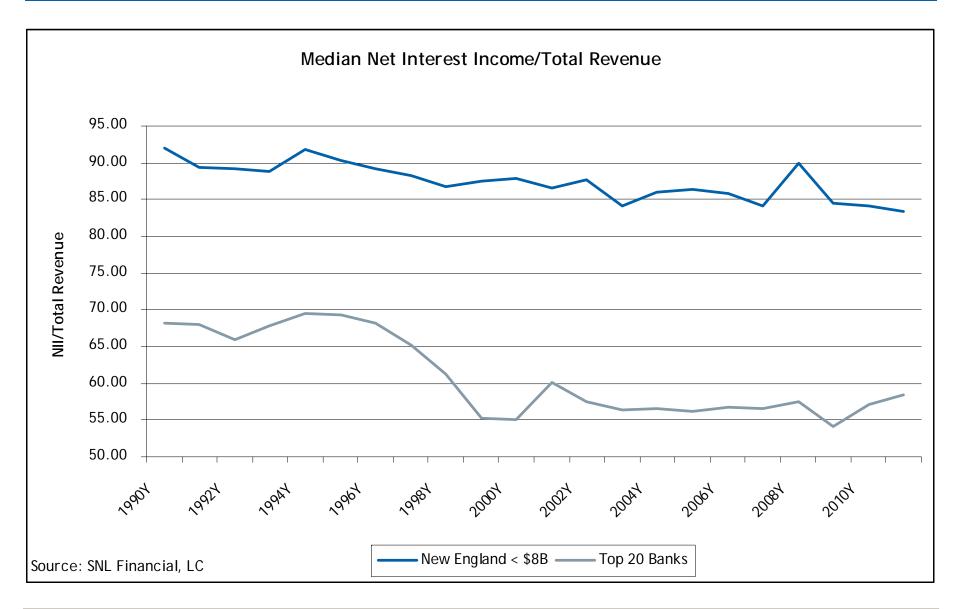
Source: JPMorgan Chase investor presentation at 9/14/10 Barclays conference



Strategies to Lower the Efficiency Ratio

Lower O	perating Costs
	Branch Optimization
	Increased Use of Technology
	Cut Layers of Management
Increase	Net Interest Revenues
	Loan Mix Change
	Turning Back High Cost Deposits
	Increase Yields in Bond Portfolio with High Grade Corporate Bonds
Increase	Fee Revenues
	Foreign ATM Fees
	Re-pricing of Deposit Products
	Increase Loan Fees

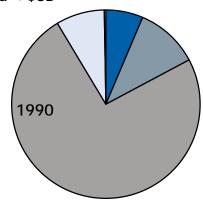
Net Interest Income/Total Revenue

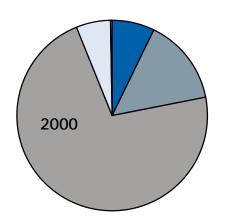


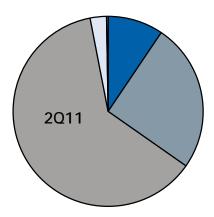
Loan Composition

C&I, CRE, Residential Mortgage, Consumer, and Other: 1990, 2000, 2011 MRQ

New England < \$8B

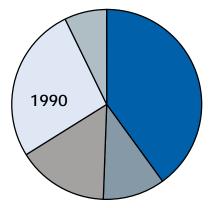


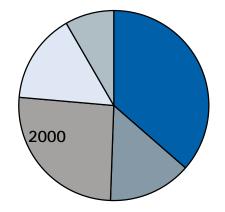


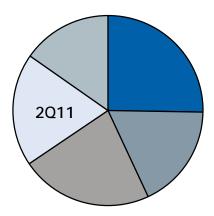


■ C&I ■ CRE ■ Residential Mortgage ■ Consumer ■ Other

Top 20 Banks







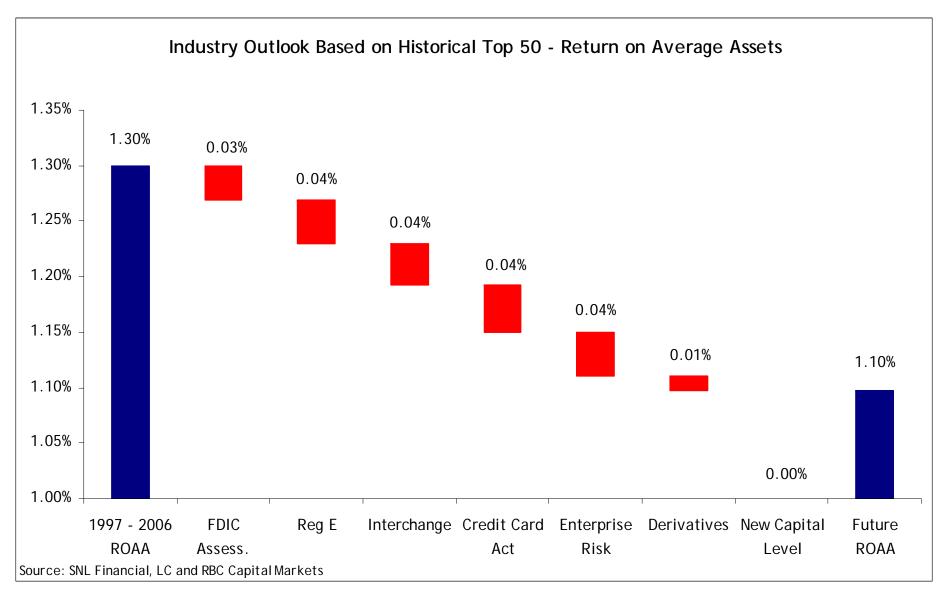
Source: SNL Financial, LC

Strategies to Generate Loan Growth

Develop	Commercial and Industrial Lending Capabilities
	Hire Seasoned Commercial Lenders
	Pay for Performance
	Commercial Deposits Linked to Loans
Enhance	Commercial Real Estate Presence Target Niche Commercial Real Estate Mortgage Markets Selective Construction Lending
Resident	ial Mortgage
	Jumbo Mortgages
	Non-Conforming Mortgages

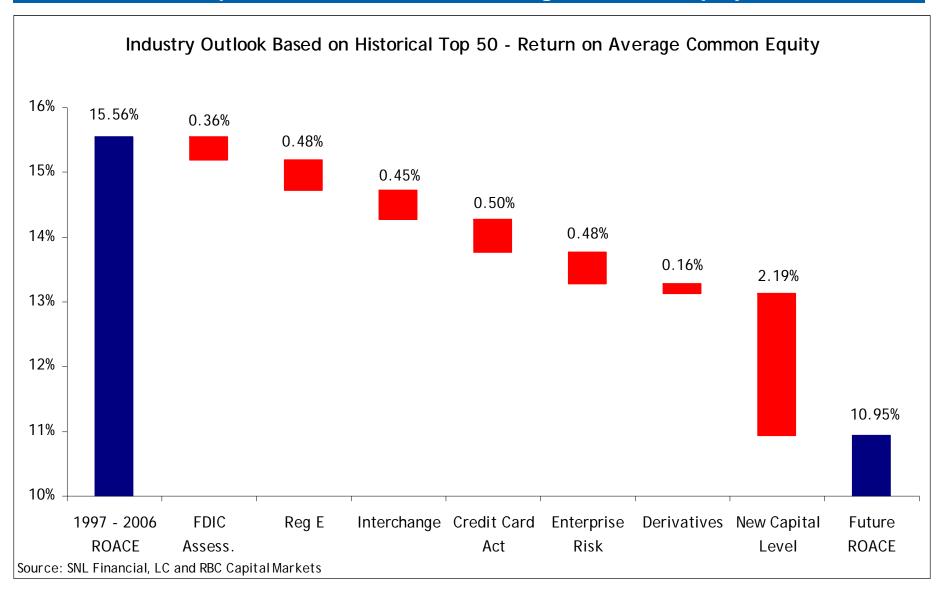
Profitability

Top 50 Banks – Return on Average Assets



Profitability

Top 50 Banks – Return on Average Common Equity



Conversion Trends

Mutual Conversions in New England

Standard conversion trends				
Conversions	Median pro forma price/ book (%)	Median IPO pop (%)		
18	64.0	8.1		
11	54.0	10.0		
10	58.5	20.8		
6	68.7	22.8		
6	70.7	37.5		
3	80.3	13.2		
5	76.9	20.0		
2	78.2	36.3		
8	79.8	13.9		
4	71.4	-0.3		
3	48.1	0.0		
12	55.0	0.0		
88	64.4	13.2		
	Conversions 18 11 10 6 6 3 5 2 8 4 3 12	Conversions Median pro forma price/book (%) 18		

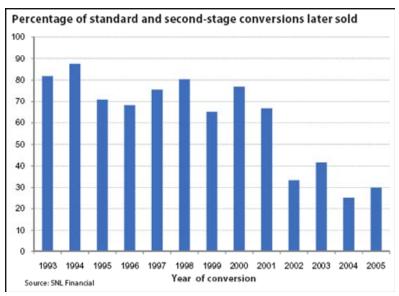
MHC conversion trends				
Median fully converted price/book			Median IPO pop	
Year	Conversions	(%)	(%)	
1999	9	57.7	1.3	
2000	4	44.3	2.5	
2001	3	60.1	33.4	
2002	4	65.0	26.2	
2003	2	79.0	62.9	
2004	17	87.9	20.0	
2005	17	84.4	4.8	
2006	12	79.4	10.0	
2007	11	83.0	0.0	
2008	5	63.7	0.0	
2009	1	53.9	1.0	
2010	0	NA	NA	
Aggregate	85	79.4	8.0	
Source: SNL Financial				

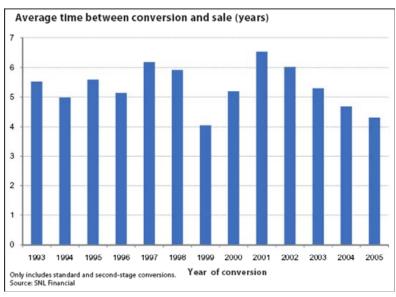
Second-stage conversion trends				
	Median pro			
Year	Conversions	forma price/ book (%)	(%)	
1999	2	74.4	-0.3	
2000	3	76.8	6.7	
2001	2	81.2	22.8	
2002	3	95.4	9.5	
2003	6	96.4	12.4	
2004	5	111.5	0.0	
2005	5	106.3	1.6	
2006	4	99.3	1.3	
2007	7	102.5	0.0	
2008	1	61.8	10.4	
2009	2	76.0	10.5	
2010	12	70.6	2.8	
Aggregate	52	91.8	3.1	
Source: SNL Financial				

- Approximately 15% of all conversions from 1999-2011 have been in New England
- □ 20 mutual thrift conversions (12 standard, 1 MHC, 7 second-stage) YTD 2011, representing one of the most active years in recent memory
- ☐ 1995 was the peak for mutual conversions, with 95 total
- Median pro-forma fully converted price/book differs for each type of conversion, but as detailed in the charts above has historically ranged from 65% to 95% on average

Conversion Trends

Implications – Both as a Seller and a Buyer





As a seller:

- Upon conversion to full stock ownership, thrifts must typically wait three years before they are eligible to be acquired
- ☐ Historically, approximately 70% of conversions have eventually merged into other institutions as an efficient way for both management and investors to capitalize on increased value of equity

As a buyer:

- With the additional capital from a conversion, many stock-ownership thrifts go on the offensive in an effort to leverage new equity with accretive acquisitions
- □ Post-second stage conversion can lead to dividend declaration and stock buybacks

Notes:

- In 2006 and 2007, there were 21 total standard/second-stage conversions, two of which (Abington & North Penn) have sold as of November 2011.
- In 2008, there were 5 standard/second-stage conversions, one of which (Danvers) has sold as of November 2011.



Are Community Banks Going the Way of the Dinosaurs? No, but...

Lower profitability should be expected for the industry
 ROA − 1.00-1.10%
 ROE − 10-11%
 Credit will be stronger
 NPA ratio 1.80-2.25%
 NCO ratio − 0.50-0.70%
 Capital and Dividends will likely he higher
 Tier 1 Common Ratio 8.0-9.0%
 Dividend payout ratio 30-35%
 The best-managed banks will focus on costs
 Efficiency Ratio 55-60%

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