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SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.

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President and Chief Operating Officer

Lee Gibson

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Company Profile

- NASDAQ SBSI
- Total Assets \$2.2 billion
- Headquarters Tyler, TX
- Primary Market Tyler/Longview
- New Markets Ft. Worth/Austin
- Banking Facilities in Texas 44

Company Profile

(4/21/08)

- Market Capitalization \$338 million
- Cash Dividend Yield 2.1 %
- Inside ownership 15.3 %
- Institutional ownership 16.6 %
- Average Daily Volume (3 mos) 49,350
- Shares Outstanding 13,818,172

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The Leadership Team

Years @ Southside

B.G. Hartley

47

Chairman & CEO

Sam Dawson

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President & COO

Jeryl Story

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Sr. Exec. VP

Lee Gibson

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Exec. VP & CFO

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Growth Strategy

- Strategic expansion of branch network
- Enhance presence in Ft. Worth
- Expand regional lending focus
- Manage balance sheet to complement growth strategy

Our Markets



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East Texas Markets

- Population (MSA)
 - Tyler 195,000
 - Longview 208,000
- Medical & Educational Center
- Resilient Economy

Market Share - Tyler

Southside Bank	38%
Bank of America	12%
Regions Bank	10%
JP Morgan Chase	8%
Guaranty Bank	5%

New Markets

Ft. Worth

- Acquired Fort Worth National Bank – Oct 2007
 - Offices
 - Fort Worth 2
 - Arlington 1
 - Austin 1
 - DFW Population 5.8 Million
 - Unemployment (9/07) 4.2%
 - Diversified Economy
 - Barnett Shale
 - Education
 - Tourism

New Markets

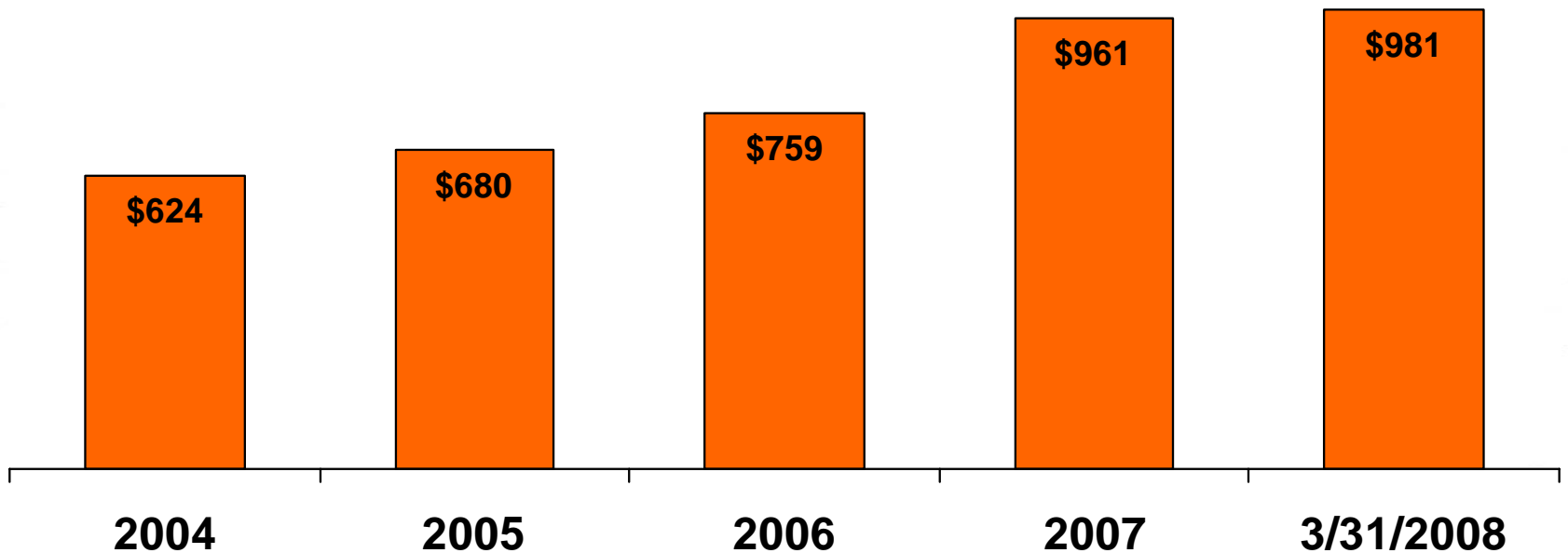
Austin

- Loan Production Office
- Population (MSA 2005 est.) 1.4 million
- Unemployment (12/07) 3.6%
- Diversified Economy
 - Education
 - Government
 - High-Tech

Loan Growth

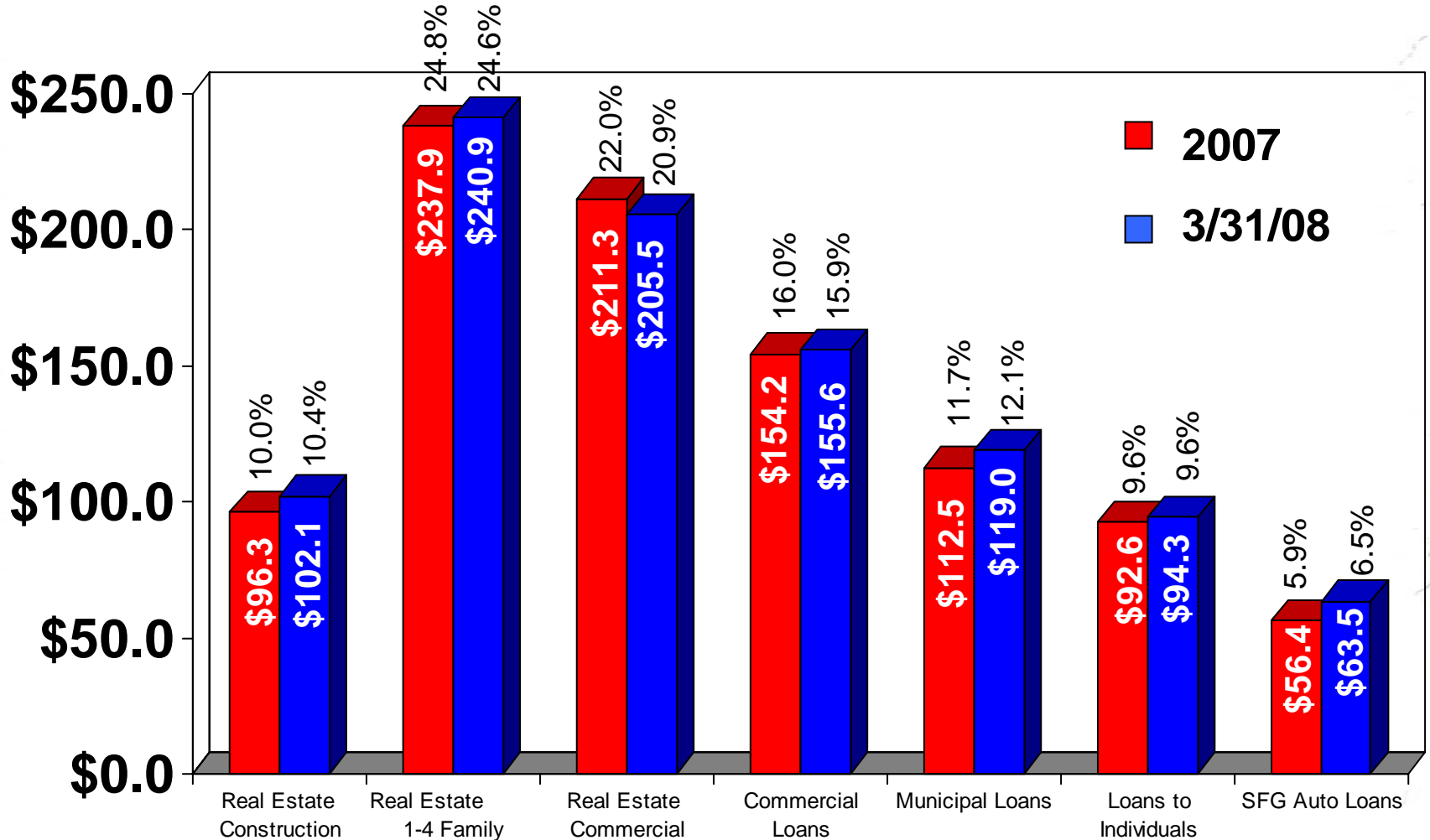
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Total Loans Outstanding



Loan Portfolio Composition

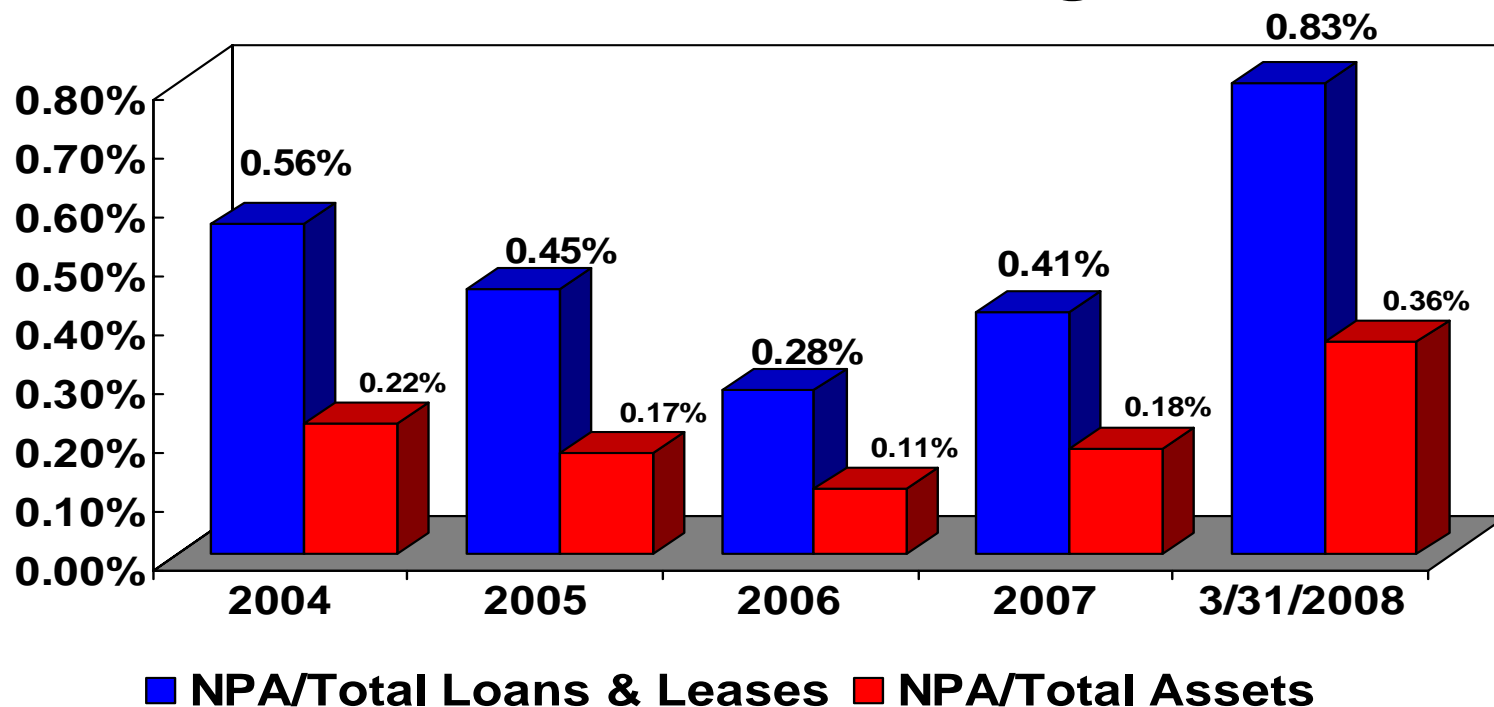
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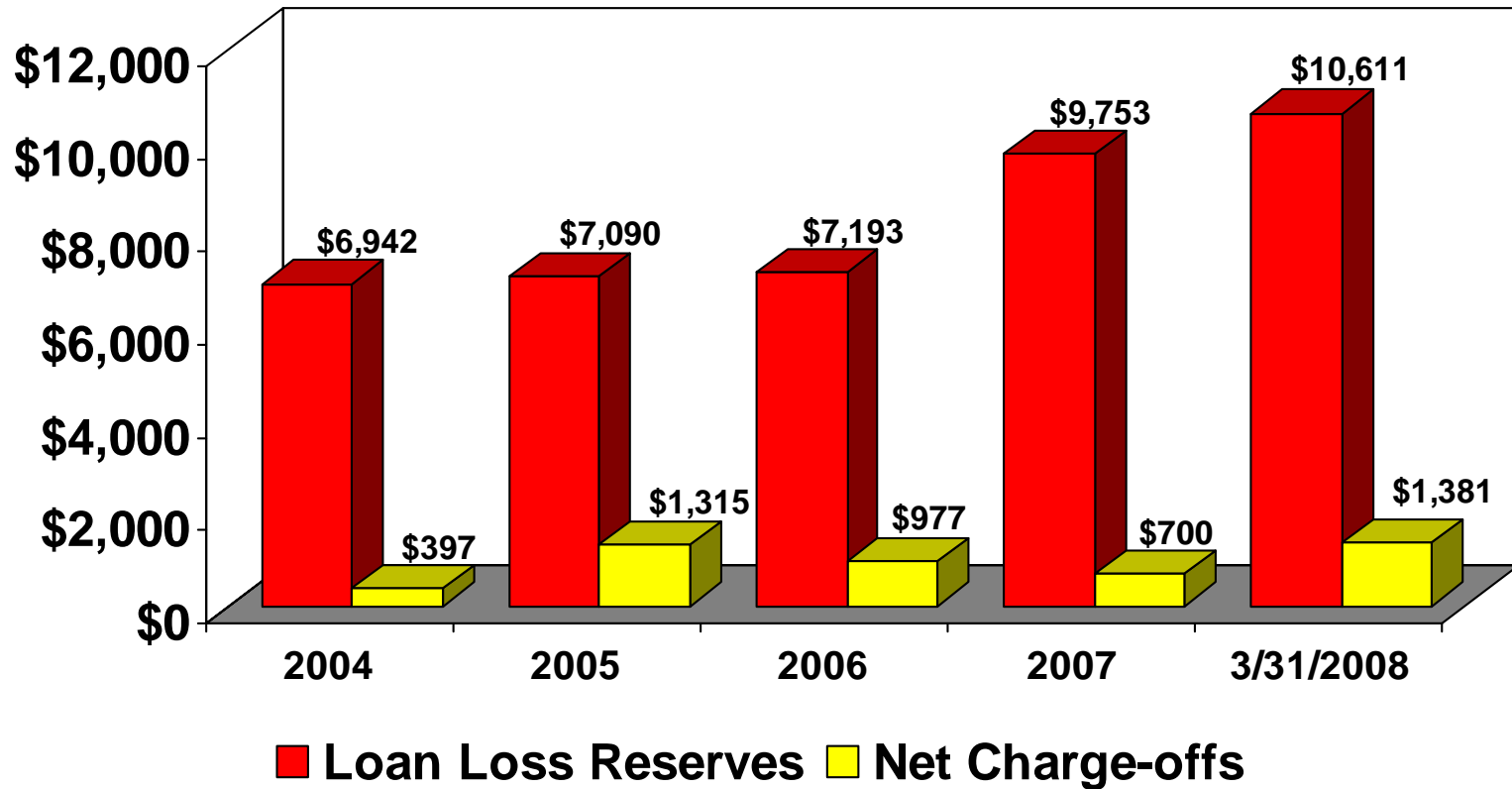
Asset Quality

Non-Performing Assets/ NPA As A Percentage



Asset Quality

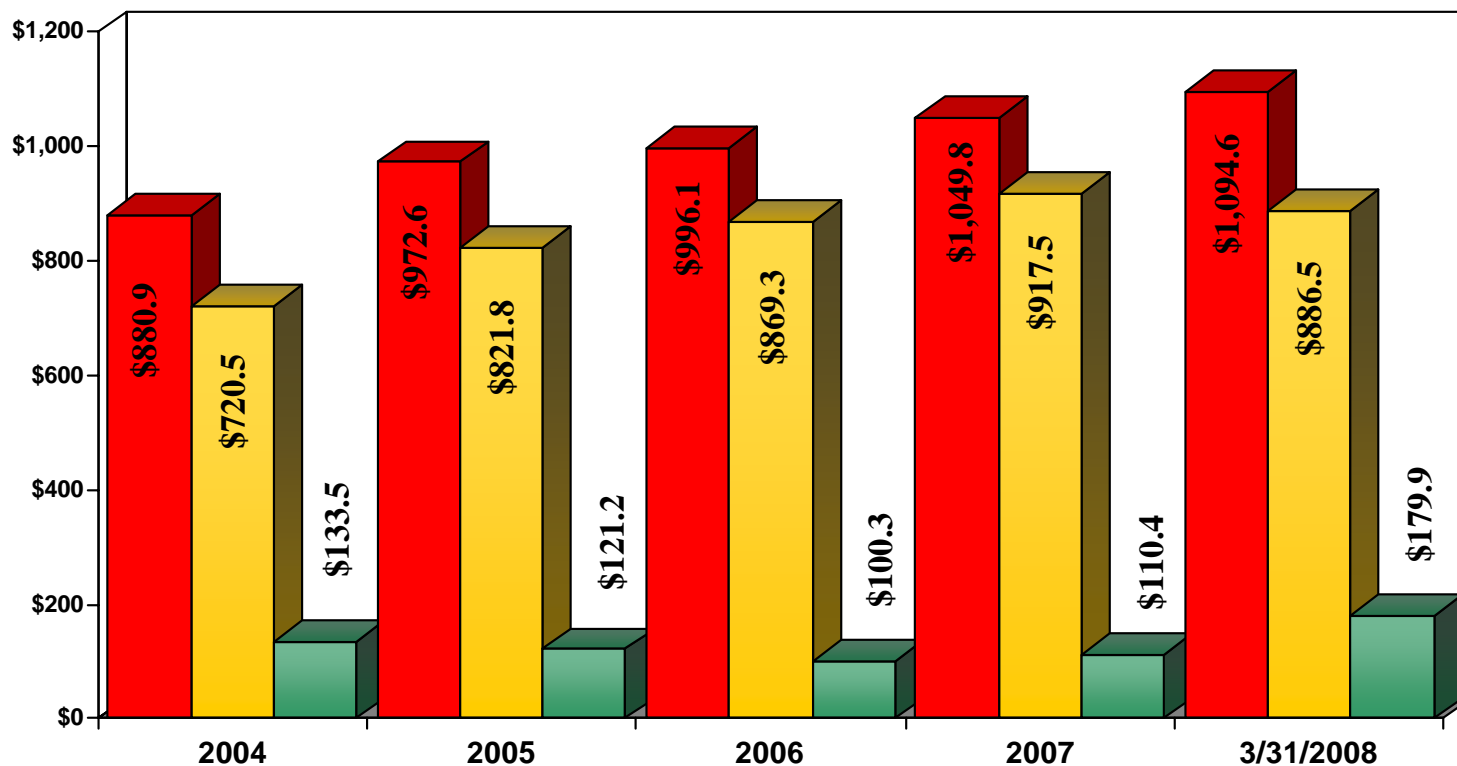
Dollars in Thousands



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Securities Portfolio

Dollars in Millions



■ Total Securities ■ Mortgage-Backed Securities ■ Investment Securities

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Investment Portfolio Performance

Southside Bank Performance

One Year	96 th percentile
Three Year	83 rd percentile
Five Year	86 th percentile
Overall Rank	99 th percentile

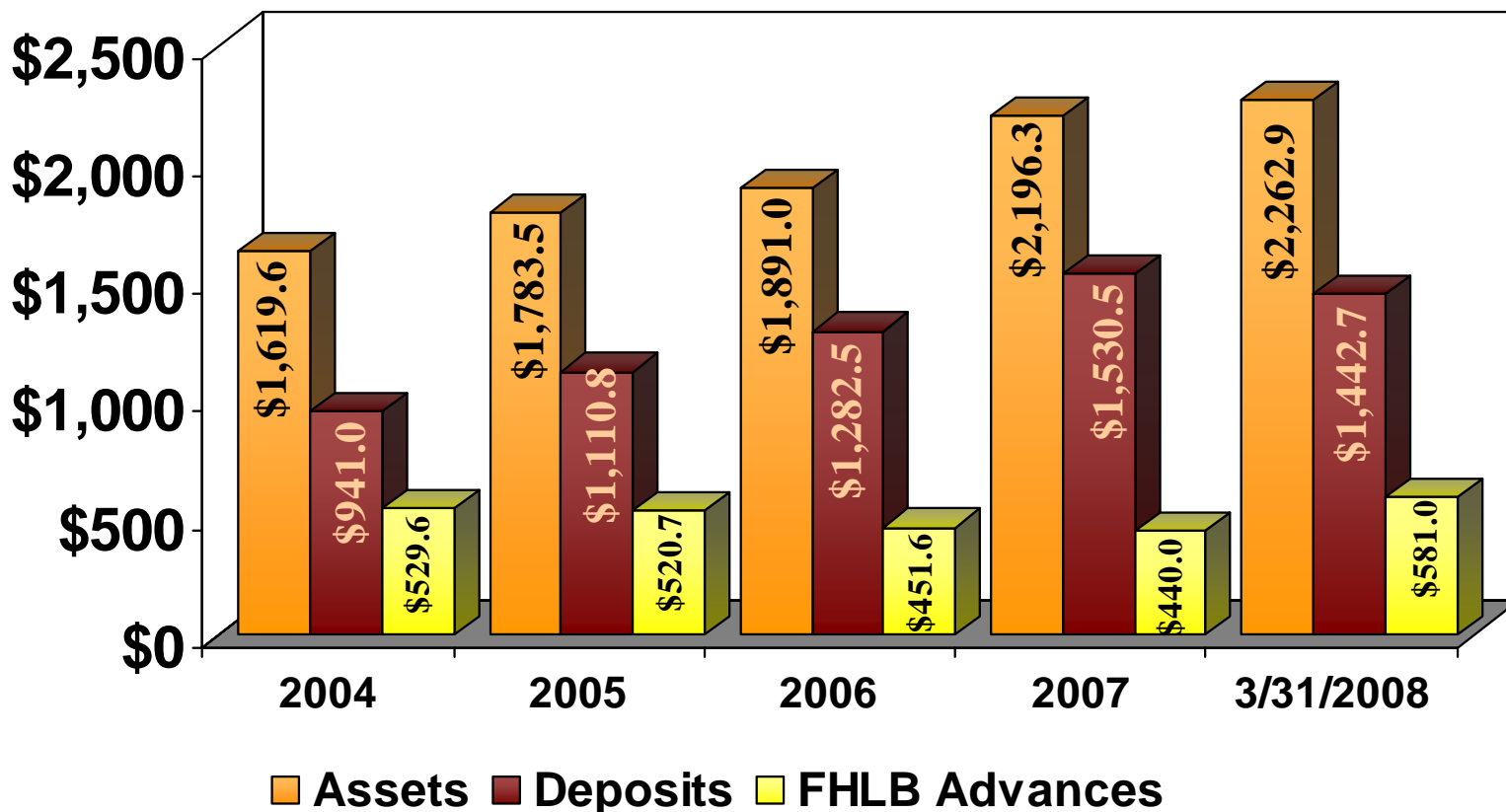
Distributions by percentile for the 999 largest banks in the U.S. based on total return; all investments marked-to-market.

Source: IDC Report 12/31/07

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Balance Sheet Growth - Liabilities

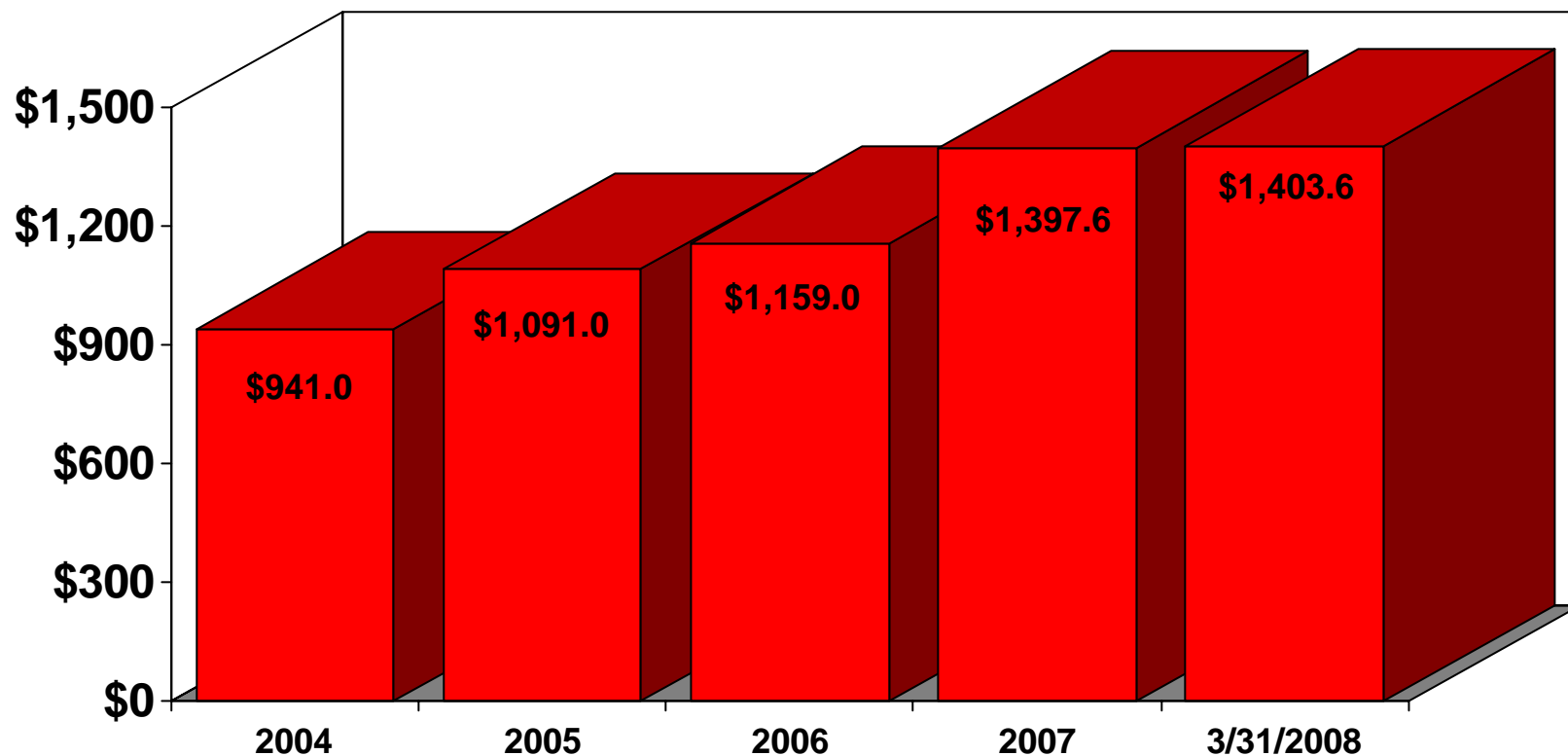
Dollars in Millions



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Deposit Growth (w/o brokered CDs)

(Dollars in Millions)

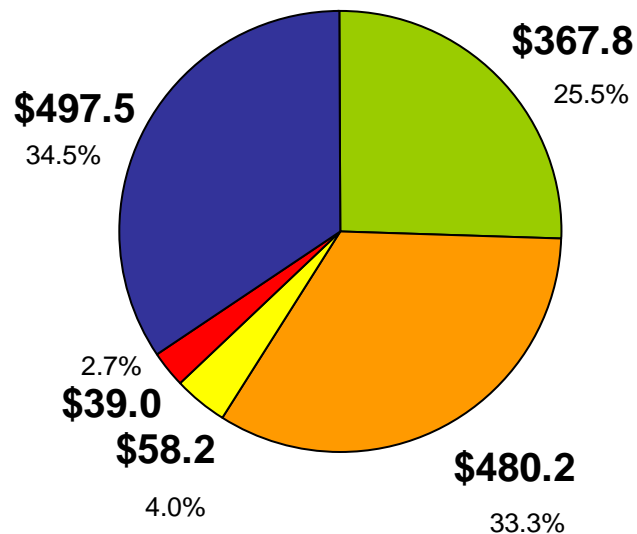
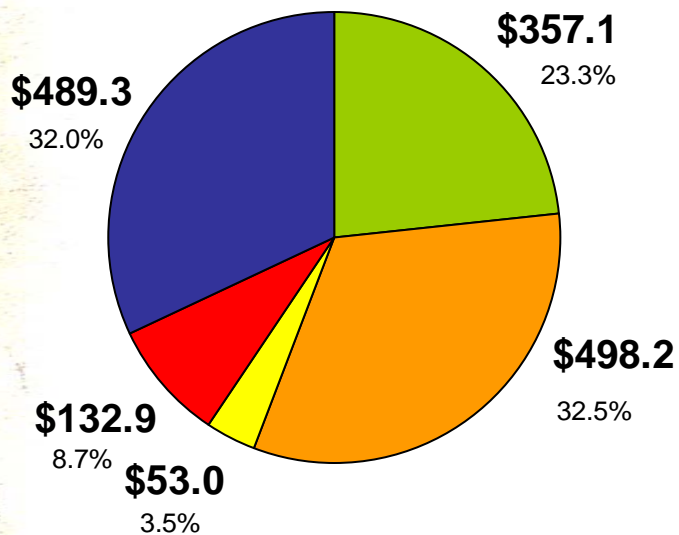


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Composition of Deposits

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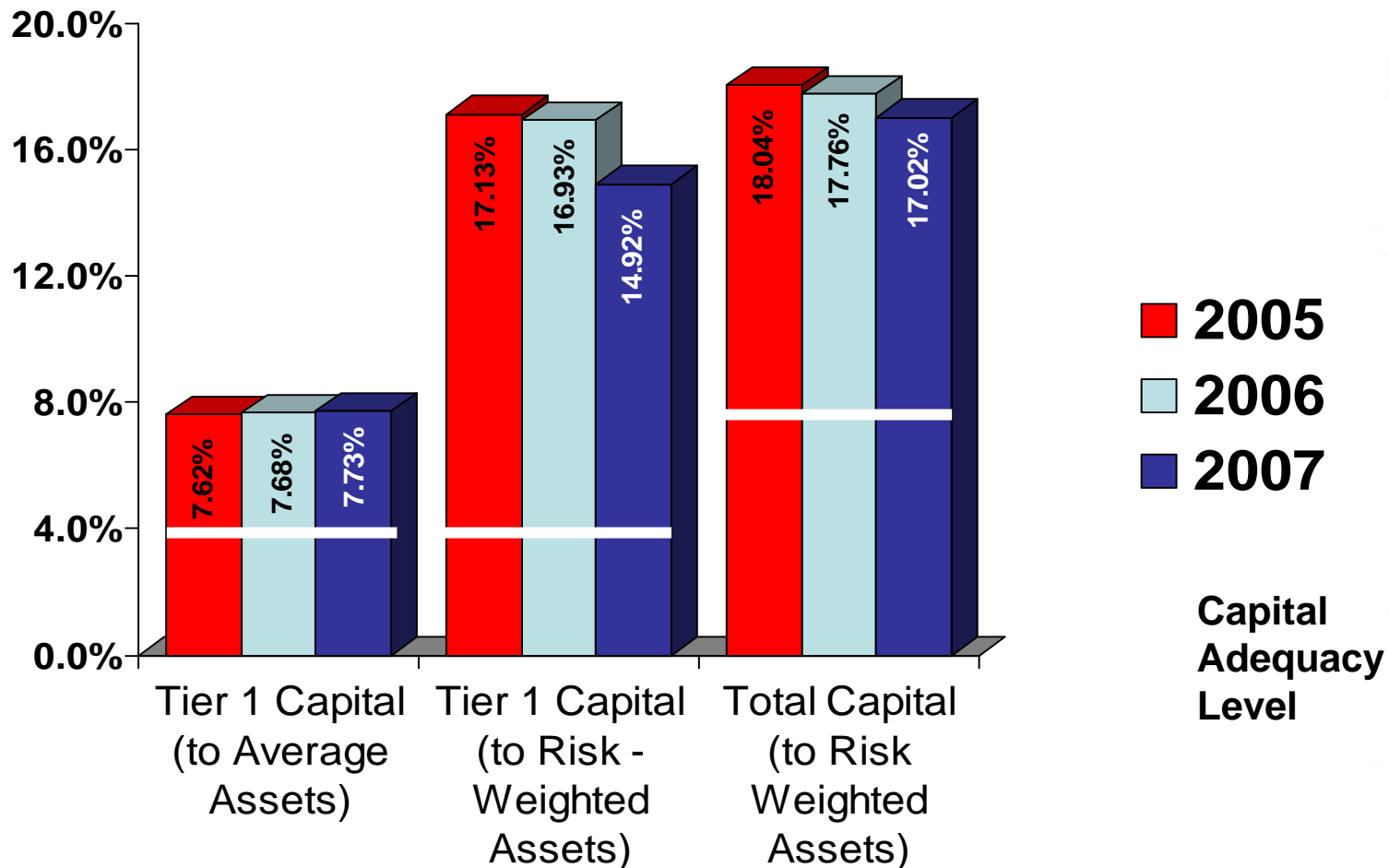
2007



- Non-interest Bearing Demand Deposits
- Interest Bearing Demand Deposits
- Savings Deposits
- Brokered CDs
- Time Deposits

Dollars in Millions

Capital Levels



Bottom Line: 2007 Performance

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
Net Income (in thousands)	\$16,684	\$15,002	11.2%
EPS (fully diluted)	\$1.18	\$1.07	10.3%
ROE	14.05%	13.48%	
ROA	0.87%	0.81%	
Efficiency Ratio	64.86%	66.27%	

First Quarter Results

Three Months Ended
March 31,

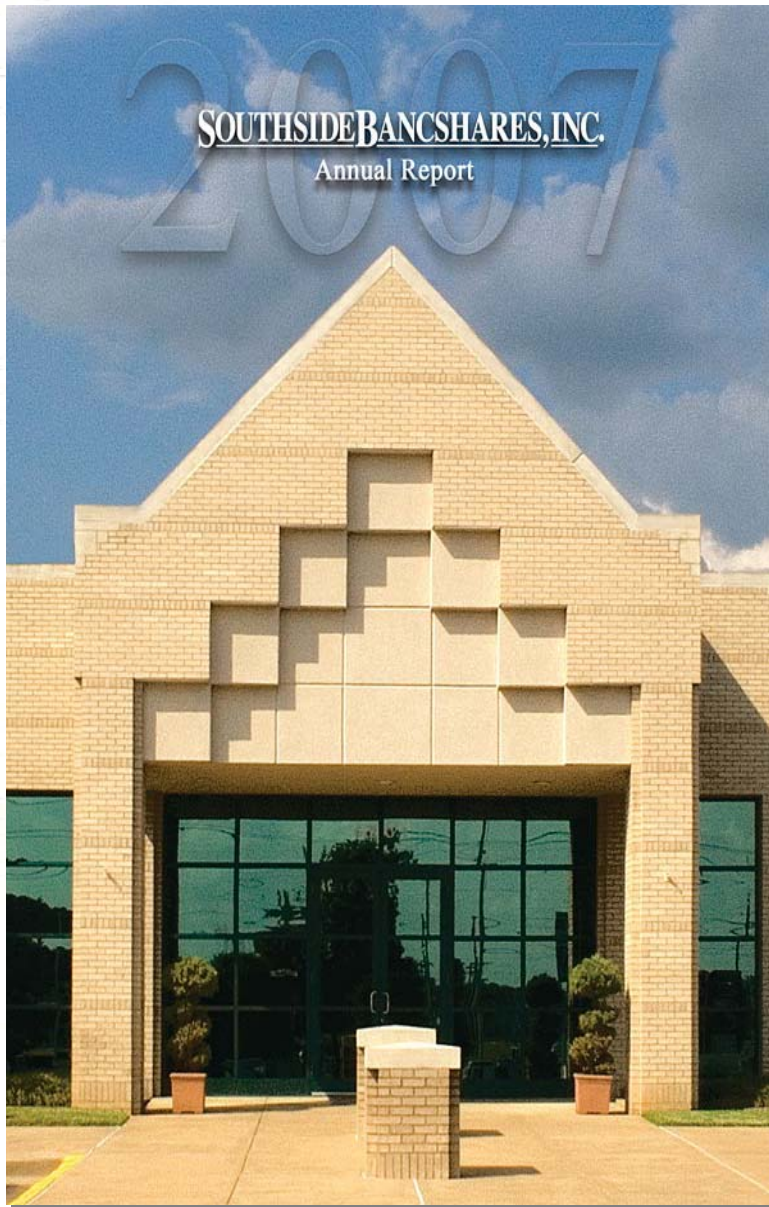
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
Net Income (in thousands)	\$5,546	\$3,763	47.4%
EPS (fully diluted)	\$0.39	\$0.27	44.4%
ROE	16.14%	13.55%	
ROA	1.00%	0.81%	
Efficiency Ratio	61.28%	68.04%	

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Investment Summary

- Attractive, growing Texas markets
- Proven de novo expansion expertise
- Consistent core deposit growth
- Seasoned management team
- Track record of stable earnings and conservative balance sheet management
- Focus on long-term franchise value

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