

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>stollings anthony m</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CINCINNATI, OH 45202</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/18/2013</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP/CFO</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8,319.2578	I	401k
Common Stock	13,768	I	Restricted
Common Stock	9,532	I	USB Brokerage Account

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	12/20/2007	12/20/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 16.61	D	Â
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711	\$ 14.9	D	Â
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	289	\$ 14.9	D	Â
2008 (ISO) Stock Option	02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	8,591	\$ 11.64	D	Â
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	19,409	\$ 11.64	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
stollings anthony m 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â	Â	Â EVP/CFO	Â

## Signatures

/s/Terri J  
Ziepfel, POA  
01/24/2013  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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