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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

þ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

Commission file number 0-10792

Horizon Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana	35-1562417
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
515 Franklin Square, Michigan City	46360
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 219-879-0211

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, no par value	The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act Yes o No þ

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act Yes o No þ

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 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 þ No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not 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-K or any amendment to the Form 10-K o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o	Accelerated filer o	Non-accelerated filer o	Smaller reporting company þ

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant s common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the average bid price of such stock as of June 30, 2008, the last day of the registrant s most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was approximately $44,802,075.

As of March 16, 2009, the registrant had 3,254,482 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

Documents Incorporated by Reference Document	Part of Form 10-K into which portion of document is incorporated
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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

The disclosures in this Item 1 are qualified by the disclosures below in Item 1A, Risk Factors, and Item 7, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation, and in other cautionary statements set forth elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

General

Horizon Bancorp (Horizon or the Company) is a registered bank holding company incorporated in Indiana and headquartered in Michigan City, Indiana. Horizon provides a broad range of banking services in Northwestern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan through its bank subsidiary, Horizon Bank, N.A. (the Bank) and other affiliated entities. Horizon operates as a single segment, which is commercial banking. Horizon s Common Stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol HBNC. The Bank was chartered as a national banking association in 1873 and has operated continuously since that time. The Bank is a full-service commercial bank offering commercial and retail banking services, corporate and individual trust and agency services and other services incident to banking.

On January 28, 2008, the Bank opened its second full service branch in Valparaiso, Indiana and on July 14, 2008, the Bank opened a full service office in Merrillville, Indiana. In total, the Bank maintains 17 full service offices in Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan. At December 31, 2008, the Bank had total assets of $1.307 billion and total deposits of $841 million. The Bank has four wholly-owned subsidiaries: Horizon Trust & Investment Management, N.A. (Horizon Trust), Horizon Investments, Inc. (Horizon Investments), Horizon Insurance Services, Inc. (Horizon Insurance) and Horizon Grantor Trust. Horizon Trust offers corporate and individual trust and agency services and investment management services. Horizon Investments manages the investment portfolio of the Bank. Horizon Insurance offered a full line of personal insurance products until March 2005, at which time the majority of its assets were sold to a third party. Horizon Grantor Trust holds title to certain company owned life insurance policies.

Horizon formed Horizon Bancorp Capital Trust II in 2004 (Trust II) and Horizon Bancorp Capital Trust III in 2006 (Trust III) for the purpose of participating in pooled trust preferred securities offerings. The Company assumed additional debentures as the result of the acquisition of Alliance Financial Corporation in 2005, which formed Alliance Financial Statutory Trust I (Alliance Trust). See Note 10 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion regarding these previously consolidated entities that are now reported separately. The business of Horizon is not seasonal to any material degree.

No material part of Horizon s business is dependent upon a single or small group of customers, the loss of any one or more of whom would have a materially adverse effect on the business of Horizon. In 2008, revenues from loans accounted for 69% of the total consolidated revenue, and revenues from investment securities accounted for 15% of total consolidated revenue.

Employees

The Bank, Horizon Trust and Horizon Investments employed approximately 285 full and part-time employees as of December 31, 2008. Horizon and Horizon Grantor Trust do not have any employees.

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Competition

A high degree of competition exists in all major areas where Horizon engages in business. The Bank s primary market consists of Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart and Lake Counties Indiana, and Berrien County, Michigan. The Bank competes with other commercial banks as well as with savings and loan associations, consumer finance companies and credit unions. To a more moderate extent, the Bank competes with Chicago money center banks, mortgage banking companies, insurance companies, brokerage houses, other institutions engaged in money market financial services and certain government agencies.

Based on deposits as of June 30, 2008, Horizon was the largest of the 10 bank and thrift institutions in LaPorte County with a 34.01% market share and the sixth largest of the 15 institutions in Porter County with a 7.07% market share. In Berrien County, Michigan, Horizon was the fourth largest of the 10 bank and thrift institutions with an 7.35% market share. Horizon s market share of deposits in Lake, St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties was less than 2.00% in each of these counties. (Source: FDIC Summary of Deposits Market Share Reports, available at www.fdic.gov).

Supervision and Regulation

The Bank Holding Company Act

Horizon is registered as a bank holding company and is subject to the supervision of, and regulation by, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Federal Reserve) under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (BHC Act). Pursuant to Federal Reserve regulations, a bank holding company is required to serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to its subsidiary banks. It is the policy of the Federal Reserve that, pursuant to this requirement, a bank holding company should stand ready to use its resources to provide adequate capital funds to its subsidiary banks during periods of financial stress or adversity.

The BHC Act requires the prior approval of the Federal Reserve to acquire more than a 5% voting interest of any bank or bank holding company. Additionally, the BHC Act restricts Horizon s non-banking activities to those which are determined by the Federal Reserve to be so closely related to banking and a proper incident thereto.

Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (the FDICIA), a bank holding company is required to guarantee the compliance of any insured depository institution subsidiary that may become undercapitalized (as defined in FDICIA) with the terms of any capital restoration plan filed by such subsidiary with its appropriate federal bank regulatory agency.

Bank holding companies are required to comply with the Federal Reserve s risk-based capital guidelines. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC) and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the OCC) also have risk-based capital ratio guidelines to which depository institutions under their respective supervision are subject. The guidelines establish a systematic analytical framework that makes regulatory capital requirements more sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banking organizations. Risk-based capital ratios are determined by allocating assets and specified off-balance sheet commitments to four risk weighted categories, with higher levels of capital being required for the categories perceived as representing greater risk. For Horizon s regulatory capital ratios and regulatory requirements as of December 31, 2008, see the information in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation in Item 7 below, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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National Bank Act

The Bank is (i) subject to the provisions of the National Bank Act; (ii) supervised, regulated, and examined by the OCC; and (iii) subject to the rules and regulations of the OCC, Federal Reserve, and the FDIC.

Deposit Insurance

The Bank s deposits are insured to applicable limits by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The Bank is subject to deposit insurance assessments by the FDIC, which is a risk-related deposit insurance assessment system where premiums are based upon the institution s capital levels and risk profile. Under this system, insured institutions are assigned to one of four risk-weighted categories based on supervisory evaluations, regulatory capital levels, and certain other factors with less risky institutions paying lower assessments. An institution s assessment rate depends upon the category to which it is assigned. For 2008, assessments ranged from 5 to 43 basis points of assessable deposits, and the Bank paid assessments at the rate of seven basis points for each $100 of insured deposits. In December 2008, the FDIC adopted a rule uniformly increasing the risk-based assessment rates by seven basis points, annually, resulting in a range of risk-based assessment of 12 basis points to 50 basis points.

On February 27, 2009, the FDIC announced the imposition of a special assessment and changes to assessment rates, to the risk-based assessment system that will take effect beginning April 1, 2009, and to the restoration plan. The FDIC adopted an interim rule that imposes a special assessment of 10 basis points as of June 30, 2009, which is to be collected on September 30, 2009. Assuming that deposit levels remain constant, we anticipate that the special assessment for the Bank would total approximately $779,000. The FDIC s interim rule also provides for the imposition of additional special assessments of up to 10 basis points if necessary. Comments on the interim rule are due within 30 days of publication in the Federal Register. Under the new assessment system, banks in the best risk category will pay from 12 cents to 16 cents per $100 of insured deposits. The FDIC also announced an amendment to the restoration plan to extend the period of the plan from five to seven years.

Effective October 14, 2008, the deposit insurance coverage was increased from $100,000 to $250,000 per depositor until January 1, 2010, subject to aggregation rules, and to unlimited coverage for non-interest bearing transaction accounts. Horizon is providing this additional coverage to its deposit customers.

The FDIC may terminate the deposit insurance of any insured depository institution if the FDIC determines, after a hearing, that the institution has engaged or is engaging in unsafe or unsound practices, is in an unsafe and unsound condition to continue operations or has violated any applicable law, regulation, order or any condition imposed in writing by, or written agreement with, the FDIC. The FDIC may also suspend deposit insurance temporarily during the hearing process for a permanent termination of insurance if the institution has no tangible capital.

Federal law also provides for the possibility that the FDIC may pay dividends to insured institutions once the Deposit Insurance Fund reserve ratio equals or exceeds 1.35% of estimated insured deposits.

Insured depository institutions that were in existence on December 31, 1996, and paid assessments prior to that date (or their successors) were entitled to a one-time credit against future assessments based on their past contributions to the BIF or SAIF. In 2006, the Bank received a one-time credit of $458,000 against future assessments. Of our initial credit, $314,000 was utilized in 2007 and the remaining $144,000 was utilized in 2008.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 (the Reform Act), resulted in significant changes to the federal deposit insurance program effective March 31, 2006, the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF) and the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF) were merged to create a new fund, called the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF)

Pursuant to the Reform Act, the FDIC is authorized to set the reserve ratio for the DIF annually at between 1.15% and 1.5% of estimated insured deposits, and the FDIC has been given discretion to set assessment rates according to risk regardless of the level of the fund reserve ratio. The designated reserve ratio for the DIF is currently set at1.25% of estimated insured deposits. Recent failures, as well as deterioration in banking and economic conditions, have significantly increased the fund s loss provisions, resulting in a decline in the reserve ratio. As of June 30, 2008, the reserve ratio was 1.01%. The FDIC expects a higher rate of insured institution failures in the next few years; thus, the reserve ratio may continue to decline. Because the reserve ratio has fallen below 1.15%, the FDIC has established a restoration plan to restore the reserve ratio to 1.15%. The FDIC has increased the assessment rates and is making other changes to the assessment system to ensure that riskier institutions bear a greater share of the proposed increase in assessments.

The FDIC proposed further refinements to its risk-based assessment that will be effective April 1, 2009 and will effectively make the range 8 to 77 1/2 basis points of assessable deposits. The FDIC may adjust the scale uniformly from one quarter to the next, except that no adjustment can exceed three basis points from the base scale without notice and comment rulemaking. No institution may pay a dividend if in default of its federal deposit insurance assessment.

As a result, our insurance premiums for 2008 increased significantly and totaled $546,000 after utilizing our remaining credit of $144,000 in the first quarter of 2008. Due to the continued failures of unaffiliated FDIC insured depository institutions, we anticipate that our FDIC deposit insurance premiums will increase in the future, perhaps significantly, which will adversely impact our future earnings, but management cannot predict what insurance assessment rates will be in the future.

FDIC-insured institutions also remain subject to the requirement to pay assessments to the FDIC to fund interest payments on bonds issued by the Financing Corporation (FICO), an agency of the Federal government established to recapitalize the predecessor to the SAIF. The amount assessed on individual institutions, including the Bank, by FICO is in addition to the amount paid for deposit insurance according to the risk-related assessment rate schedule. These assessments will continue until the FICO bonds are repaid between 2017 and 2019. During 2008, the FICO assessment rate ranged between 1.10 and 1.14 basis points for each $100 of insured deposits per quarter. For the first quarter of 2009, the FICO assessment rate is 1.14 basis points. The Bank paid deposit insurance assessments (including the FICO assessments) of $546,000 during the year ended December 31, 2008. Future increases in deposit insurance premiums or changes in risk classification would increase the Bank s deposit related costs.

General Regulatory Supervision

Both federal and state law extensively regulate various aspects of the banking business, such as reserve requirements, truth-in-lending and truth-in-savings disclosures, equal credit opportunity, fair credit reporting, trading in securities and other aspects of banking operations. Branching by the Bank is subject to the jurisdiction and requires notice to, or the prior approval of, the OCC.

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Transactions With Affiliates and Insiders

Horizon and the Bank are subject to the Federal Reserve Act, which restricts financial transactions between banks, affiliated companies and their executive officers, including limits on credit transactions between these parties. The statute prescribes terms and conditions for bank affiliate transactions deemed to be consistent with safe and sound banking practices, and restricts the types of collateral security permitted in connection with a bank s extension of credit to an affiliate.

Capital Regulation

Capital Regulations. The federal bank regulatory authorities have adopted risk-based capital guidelines for banks and bank holding companies that are designed to make regulatory capital requirements more sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banks and bank holding companies and account for off-balance sheet items. Risk-based capital ratios are determined by allocating assets and specified off-balance sheet commitments to four risk weighted categories of 0%, 20%, 50%, or 100%, with higher levels of capital being required for the categories perceived as representing greater risk.

The capital guidelines divide a bank holding company s or bank s capital into two tiers. The first tier (Tier I) includes common equity, certain non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, less goodwill and certain other intangible assets (except mortgage servicing rights and purchased credit card relationships, subject to certain limitations). Supplementary capital (Tier II) includes, among other items, cumulative perpetual and long-term limited-life preferred stock, mandatory convertible securities, certain hybrid capital instruments, term subordinated debt and the allowance for loan and lease losses, subject to certain limitations, less required deductions. Banks and bank holding companies are required to maintain a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 8%, of which 4% must be Tier I capital. The federal banking regulators may, however, set higher capital requirements when a bank s particular circumstances warrant. Banks experiencing or anticipating significant growth are expected to maintain capital ratios, including tangible capital positions, well above the minimum levels.

Also required by the regulations is the maintenance of a leverage ratio designed to supplement the risk-based capital guidelines. This ratio is computed by dividing Tier I capital, net of all intangibles, by the quarterly average of total assets. The minimum leverage ratio is 3% for the most highly rated institutions, and 1% to 2% higher for institutions not meeting those standards. Pursuant to the regulations, banks must maintain capital levels commensurate with the level of risk, including the volume and severity of problem loans to which they are exposed.

In December 2008, the Company received $25,000,000 in exchange for 25,000 shares of its Fixed Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, issued to the Treasury Department, and related warrants. Of that amount, $20,000,000 was contributed to the Bank. As a result, the Company s and the Bank s regulatory capital have increased significantly from the capital reported in prior periods.

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The following is a summary of Horizon s and the Bank s regulatory capital and capital requirements at December 31, 2008.

	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To Be Categorized As Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of December 31, 2008						
Total risk-based capital (to risk-weighted assets)						
Horizon Bank, N.A.	$122,538	13.11%	$74,790	8.00%	$93,488	10.00%
Horizon Bancorp Consolidated	$134,546	14.38%	$74,877	8.00%	N/A	N/A
Tier 1 risk-based capital (to risk-weighted assets)						
Horizon Bank, N.A.	$111,128	11.89%	$37,395	4.00%	$56,093	6.00%
Horizon Bancorp Consolidated	$123,136	13.16%	$37,438	4.00%	N/A	N/A
Tier 1 leverage capital (to average assets)						
Horizon Bank, N.A.	$111,128	9.44%	$47,074	4.00%	$58,868	5.00%
Horizon Bancorp Consolidated	$123,136	10.45%	$47,124	4.00%	N/A	N/A

Prompt Corrective Regulatory Action.

Federal law provides the federal banking regulators with broad powers to take prompt corrective action to resolve the problems of undercapitalized institutions. The extent of the regulators powers depends on whether the institution in question is well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, or critically undercapitalized, as defined by regulation. Depending upon the capital category to which an institution is assigned, the regulators corrective powers include: (i) requiring the submission of a capital restoration plan; (ii) placing limits on asset growth and restrictions on activities; (iii) requiring the institution to issue additional capital stock (including additional voting stock) or to be acquired; (iv) restricting transactions with affiliates; (v) restricting the interest rate the institution may pay on deposits; (vi) ordering a new election of directors of the institution; (vii) requiring that senior executive officers or directors be dismissed; (viii) prohibiting the institution from accepting deposits from correspondent banks; (ix) requiring the institution to divest certain subsidiaries; (x) prohibiting the payment of principal or interest on subordinated debt; and (xi) ultimately, appointing a receiver for the institution. At December 31, 2008, the Bank was categorized as well capitalized, meaning that the Bank s total risk-based capital ratio exceeded 10%, the Bank s Tier I risk-based capital ratio exceeded 6%, the Bank s leverage ratio exceeded 5%, and the Bank was not subject to a regulatory order, agreement or directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure.

Anti-Money Laundering and the USA Patriot Act

Horizon is subject to the provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, which contains anti-money laundering and financial transparency laws and requires financial institutions to implement additional policies and procedures with respect to, or additional measures designed to address, any or all the following matters, among others: money laundering, suspicious activities and currency transaction reporting, and currency crimes.

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Horizon also is subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the Sarbanes-Oxley Act), which revised the laws affecting corporate governance, accounting obligations and corporate reporting. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act applies to all companies with equity or debt securities registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In particular, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act established: (i) new requirements for audit committees, including independence, expertise and responsibilities; (ii) additional responsibilities regarding financial statements for the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the reporting company; (iii) new standards for auditors and regulation of audits; (iv) increased disclosure and reporting obligations for the reporting company and their directors and executive officers; and (v) new and increased civil and criminal penalties for violation of the securities laws. Management expects that significant additional efforts and expense will continue to be required to comply with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has adopted final rules implementing Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. In each Form 10-K it files, Horizon is required to include a report of management on Horizon s internal control over financial reporting. The internal control report must include a statement of management s responsibility for establishing and maintaining adequate control over financial reporting of Horizon, identify the framework used by management to evaluate the effectiveness of Horizon s internal control over financial reporting, provide management s assessment of the effectiveness of Horizon s internal control over financial reporting and state that Horizon s independent accounting firm has issued an attestation report on management s assessment of Horizon s internal control over financial reporting. Significant efforts were required to comply with Section 404 in 2005 and Horizon anticipates additional efforts will be required in future years.

Recent Legislative Developments

Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and Troubled Asset Relief Program s Capital Purchase Program

The global and U.S. economies are experiencing significantly reduced business activity as a result of, among other factors, disruptions in the financial system during the past year, and in particular, the last several weeks. Dramatic declines in the housing market during the past year, with falling home prices and increasing foreclosures and unemployment, have resulted in write-downs of asset values by financial institutions, including government-sponsored entities and major commercial and investment banks. These write-downs, initially of mortgage-backed securities but spreading to credit default swaps and other derivative securities, have caused many financial institutions to seek additional capital, to merge with larger and stronger institutions and, in some cases, to fail.

Reflecting concern about the stability of the financial markets generally and the strength of counterparties, many lenders and institutional investors have reduced, and in some cases, ceased to provide funding to borrowers, including other financial institutions. The availability of credit, confidence in the financial sector, and level of volatility in the financial markets have been adversely affected as a result. In recent weeks, volatility and disruption in the capital and credit markets has reached unprecedented levels. In some cases, the markets have produced downward pressure on stock prices and credit capacity for certain issuers without regard to those issuers underlying financial strength.

In response to the financial crises affecting the banking system and financial markets and going concern threats to investment banks and other financial institutions, on October 3, 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the EESA) was signed into law. Pursuant to the EESA, the U.S. Department of Treasury (the Treasury) has the authority to, among other things, purchase up to $700 billion of mortgages, mortgage-backed securities and certain other financial instruments from financial institutions for the purpose of stabilizing and providing liquidity to the U.S. financial markets.

On October 14, 2008, the Treasury also announced it would offer to qualifying U.S. banking organizations the opportunity to sell preferred stock, along with warrants to purchase common stock, to the Treasury on what may be considered attractive terms under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) Capital Purchase Program (the CPP). The CPP allows financial institutions, like Horizon, to issue non-voting preferred stock to the Treasury in an amount ranging between 1% and 3% of the institution s total risk-weighted assets.

Although both Horizon and the Bank met all applicable regulatory capital requirements and were well capitalized, Horizon determined that obtaining additional capital pursuant to the CPP for contribution in whole or in part to the Bank was advisable. As a result, Horizon decided to participate in the CPP Program and sold $25,000,000 of its Fixed Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A to the Treasury on December 19, 2008.

The general terms of the preferred stock issued by Horizon under the CPP are as follows:

Dividends at the rate of 5% per annum, payable quarterly in arrears, are required to be paid on the preferred stock for the first five years and dividends at the rate of 9% per annum are required thereafter until the stock is redeemed by Horizon;

Without the prior consent of the Treasury, Horizon will be prohibited from increasing its common stock dividends or repurchasing its common stock for the first three years while Treasury is an investor;

During the first three years the preferred stock is outstanding, Horizon will be prohibited from repurchasing such preferred stock, except with the proceeds from a sale of Tier 1 qualifying common or other preferred stock of Horizon in an offering that raises at least 25% of the initial offering price of the preferred stock sold to the Treasury ($6,250,000). After the first three years, the preferred stock can be redeemed at any time with any available cash;

Under the CPP, Horizon also issued to the Treasury warrants entitling the Treasury to buy 212,104 shares of Horizon s common stock at an exercise price of $17.68 per share; and

Horizon agreed to certain compensation restrictions for its senior executive officers and restrictions on the amount of executive compensation which is tax deductible.

EESA followed, and has been followed by, numerous actions by the Federal Reserve, Congress, Treasury, the SEC and others to address the current liquidity and credit crisis that has followed the sub-prime meltdown that commenced in 2007. These measures include homeowner relief that encourage loan restructuring and modification; the establishment of significant liquidity and credit facilities for financial institutions and investment banks; the lowering of the federal funds rate, including two 50 basis point decreases in October of 2008; emergency action against short selling practices; a temporary guaranty program for money market funds; the establishment of a commercial paper funding facility to provide back-stop liquidity to commercial paper issuers; coordinated international efforts to address illiquidity and other weaknesses in the banking sector.

It is not clear at this time what impact the EESA, the TARP Capital Purchase Program, the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program, other liquidity and funding initiatives of the Federal Reserve and other agencies that have been previously announced, and any additional programs that may be initiated in the future will have on the financial markets and the other difficulties described above, including the extreme levels of volatility and limited credit availability currently being experienced, or on the U.S. banking and financial industries and the broader U.S. and global economies. Further adverse effects could have an adverse effect on the Company and its business.

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Other Regulation

In addition to the matters discussed above, the Bank is subject to additional regulation of its activities, including a variety of consumer protection regulations affecting its lending, deposit, and collection activities and regulations affecting secondary mortgage market activities.

Effect of Governmental Monetary Policies

The Bank s earnings are affected by domestic economic conditions and the monetary and fiscal policies of the United States government and its agencies. The Federal Reserve s monetary policies have had, and are likely to continue to have, an important impact on the operating results of commercial banks through its power to implement national monetary policy in order, among other things, to curb inflation or combat a recession. The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve have major effects upon the levels of bank loans, investments and deposits through its open market operations in United States government securities and through its regulation of the discount rate on borrowings of member banks and the reserve requirements against member bank deposits. It is not possible to predict the nature or impact of future changes in monetary and fiscal policies.

Federal Home Loan Bank System

The Bank is a member of the FHLB of Indianapolis, which is one of twelve regional FHLBs. Each FHLB serves as a reserve or central bank for its members within its assigned region. The FHLB is funded primarily from funds deposited by banks and savings associations and 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. All FHLB advances must be fully secured by sufficient collateral as determined by the FHLB. The Federal Housing Finance Board (FHFB), an independent agency, controls the FHLB System, including the FHLB of Indianapolis.

As a member of the FHLB, the Bank is required to purchase and maintain stock in the FHLB of Indianapolis in an amount equal to at least 1% of its aggregate unpaid residential mortgage loans, home purchase contracts, or similar obligations at the beginning of each year. At December 31, 2008, the Bank s investment in stock of the FHLB of Indianapolis was $11.0 million. The FHLB imposes various limitations on advances such as limiting the amount of certain types of real estate related collateral to 30% of a member s capital and limiting total advances to a member. Interest rates charged for advances vary depending upon maturity, the cost of funds to the FHLB of Indianapolis and the purpose of the borrowing.

The FHLBs are required to provide funds for the resolution of troubled savings associations and to contribute to affordable housing programs through direct loans or interest subsidies on advances targeted for community investment and low and moderate income housing projects. For the year ended December 31, 2008, dividends paid by the FHLB of Indianapolis to the Bank totaled approximately $520,000, for an annualized rate of 4.7%.

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Limitations on Rates Paid for Deposits

FDIC regulations place limitations on the ability of insured depository institutions to accept, renew or roll over deposits by offering rates of interest which are significantly higher than the prevailing rates of interest on deposits offered by other insured depository institutions having the same type of charter in the institution s normal market area. Under these regulations, well capitalized depository institutions may accept, renew or roll such deposits over without restriction, adequately capitalized depository institutions may accept, renew or roll such deposits over with a waiver from the FDIC (subject to certain restrictions on payments of rates) and undercapitalized depository institutions may not accept, renew or roll such deposits over. The regulations contemplate that the definitions of well capitalized, adequately capitalized and undercapitalized will be the same as the definition adopted by the agencies to implement the corrective action provisions of federal law. Management does not believe that these regulations will have a materially adverse effect on the Bank s current operations.

Legislative Initiatives

Additional legislative and administrative actions affecting the banking industry may be considered by the United States Congress, state legislatures and various regulatory agencies, including those referred to above. It cannot be predicted with certainty whether such legislative or administrative action will be enacted or the extent to which the banking industry in general or Horizon and its affiliates will be affected.

BANK HOLDING COMPANY STATISTICAL DISCLOSURES

I. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY; INTEREST RATES AND INTEREST DIFFERENTIAL

Information required by this section of Securities Act Industry Guide 3 is presented in Management s Discussion and Analysis as set forth in Item 7 below, herein incorporated by reference.

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II. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

A. The following is a schedule of the amortized cost and fair value of investment securities available for sale and held to maturity at December 31,

(dollar amounts in thousands)	2008		2007		2006	
Available for Sale	**Cost**	**Fair Value**	**Cost**	**Fair Value**	**Cost**	**Fair Value**
U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agencies and corporations	$ 23,661	$ 24,914	$ 25,660	$ 26,220	$ 58,595	$ 58,445
State and municipal	88,282	86,985	86,389	86,931	81,363	81,800
Mortgage-backed securities	174,227	176,389	108,247	107,371	93,591	91,174
Collateralized mortgage obligations	13,063	12,951	13,650	13,552	11,215	11,010
Corporate notes	587	399	632	601	632	649
Total investment securities	$299,820	$301,638	$234,578	$234,675	$245,396	$243,078
Held to maturity, State and municipal	$ 1,630	$ 1,634				

B. The following is a schedule of maturities of each category of available for sale and held to maturity debt securities and the related weighted-average yield of such securities as of December 31, 2008:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	One Year or Less		After One Year Through Five Years		After Five Years Through Ten Years		After Ten Years	
Available for Sale	**Amount**	**Yield**	**Amount**	**Yield**	**Amount**	**Yield**	**Amount**	**Yield**
U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency securities (1)	$		$ 4,567	4.53%	$ 3,611	5.15%	$ 16,736	5.88%
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	1,190	3.62%	6,360	4.31	25,053	4.22	54,382	4.20
Mortgage-backed securities (2)	829	5.17	62,741	4.50	75,326	5.09	37,493	5.49
Collateralized mortgage obligations (2)	864	4.52	12,087	4.97				
Other securities							399	7.53
Total	$ 2,883	4.34	$ 85,755	4.55	$ 103,990	4.88	$ 109,010	4.91
Held to maturity, state and municipal	$ 91	2.85	$ 1,543	3.68				

(1)

Fair value is based on contractual maturity or call date where a call option exists

(2) Maturity based upon final maturity date

The weighted-average interest rates are based on coupon rates for securities purchased at par value and on effective interest rates considering amortization or accretion if the securities were purchased at a premium or discount. Yields are not presented on a tax-equivalent basis.

Excluding those holdings of the investment portfolio in U.S. Treasury securities and other agencies and corporations of the U.S. Government, there were no investments in securities of any one issuer that exceeded 10% of the consolidated stockholders equity of Horizon at December 31, 2008.

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III. LOAN PORTFOLIO

A. Types of Loans Total loans on the balance sheet are comprised of the following classifications at December 31 for the years indicated.

(dollar amounts in thousands)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Commercial, financial, agricultural and commercial tax-exempt loans	$310,842	$307,535	$271,457	$273,310	$203,966
Mortgage warehouse loans	123,287	78,225	112,267	97,729	127,992
Real estate mortgage loans	167,766	216,019	222,235	159,312	89,139
Installment loans	280,072	287,073	237,875	202,383	142,945
Total loans	$881,967	$888,852	$843,834	$732,734	$564,042

B. Maturities and Sensitivities of Loans to Changes in Interest Rates The following is a schedule of maturities and sensitivities of loans to changes in interest rates, excluding real estate mortgage, mortgage warehousing and installment loans, as of December 31, 2008:

Maturing or repricing (dollar amounts in thousands)	One Year or Less	One Through Five Years	After Five Years	Total
Commercial, financial, agricultural and commercial tax-exempt loans	$ 196,159	$ 111,917	$ 2,766	$ 310,842

The following is a schedule of fixed-rate and variable-rate commercial, financial, agricultural and commercial tax-exempt loans due after one year. (Variable-rate loans are those loans with floating or adjustable interest rates.)

(dollar amounts in thousands)	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate
Total commercial, financial, agricultural and commercial tax-exempt loans due after one year	$ 70,437	$ 44,246

C. Risk Elements

1. Non-accrual, Past Due and Restructured Loans The following schedule summarizes non-accrual, past due and restructured loans.

December 31 (dollar amounts in thousands)	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
a. Loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis	$7,031	$2,862	$2,481	$1,822	$1,358
b. Accruing loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more as to interest and principal payments	832	87	144	251	
c. Loans not included in (a) or (b) which are Troubled Debt Restructuring s as defined by SFAS No. 15					

Totals	$7,863	$2,949	$2,625	$2,073	$1,358

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The increase in non-accrual loans in 2008 is primarily due to an increase in commercial loans of $3.248 million and residential real estate loans of $928 thousand. The increase in loans 90 days past due but still accruing is primarily due to an increase of $464 thousand in residential real estate loans and an increase of $230 thousand in installment loans. The increase in non-accrual loans in 2007 was primarily due to an increase in commercial real estate loans of $281 thousand and an increase in consumer loans of $381 thousand. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in mortgage loans of $281 thousand. The increase in non-accrual loans in 2006 was primarily due to an increase in commercial real estate loans of $761 thousand. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in mortgage loans and consumer loans of $67 thousand and $36 thousand, respectively. The increase in non-accrual loans in 2005 was primarily due to non-accrual loans acquired from Alliance of $389 thousand, an increase in consumer and commercial loans of $44 thousand and $189 thousand, respectively.

(dollar amounts in thousands)		
Gross interest income that would have been recorded on non-accrual loans outstanding as of December 31, 2008, in the period if the loans had been current, in accordance with their original terms and had been outstanding throughout the period or since origination if held for part of the period.	$	582
Interest income actually recorded on non-accrual loans outstanding as of December 31, 2008, and included in net income for the period.		299
Interest income not recognized during the period on non-accrual loans outstanding as of December 31, 2008.	$	283

Discussion of Non-Accrual Policy

1. From time to time, the Bank obtains information, which may lead management to believe that the collection of payments may be doubtful on a particular loan. In recognition of such, it is management s policy to convert the loan from an earning asset to a non-accruing loan. Further, it is management s policy to place a commercial loan on a non-accrual status when delinquent in excess of 90 days, unless the Loan Committee approves otherwise. The officer responsible for the loan, the Chief Operating Officer and the senior collection officer must review all loans placed on non-accrual status. The senior collection officer monitors the loan portfolio for any potential problem loans.

2. Potential Problem Loans

   Impaired loans for which the discounted cash flows or collateral value exceeded the carrying value of the loan totaled $6,012,000 and $1,870,000 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The allowance for impaired loans, included in the Bank s allowance for loan losses totaled $1,327,000 and $345,000 at those respective dates. The average balance of impaired loans during 2008 and 2007 was $3,977,000 and $1,673,000, respectively.

3. Foreign Outstandings

   None

4. Loan Concentrations

   As of December 31, 2008, there are no significant concentrations of loans exceeding 10% of total loans. See Item III A above for a listing of the types of loans by concentration.

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D. Other Interest-Bearing Assets

There are no other interest-bearing assets as of December 31, 2008, which would be required to be disclosed under
Item III C.1 or 2 if such assets were loans.

IV. SUMMARY OF LOAN LOSS EXPERIENCE

A. The following is an analysis of the activity in the allowance for loan losses account:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**	**2005**	**2004**
LOANS					
Loans outstanding at the end of the period (1)	$881,967	$888,852	$843,834	$732,734	$564,042
Average loans outstanding during the period (1)	840,960	839,591	780,555	640,758	514,916

(1) Net of unearned income and deferred loan fees

	2008	**2007**	**2006**	**2005**	**2004**
ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES					
Balance at beginning of the period	$ 9,791	$8,738	$8,368	$7,193	$6,909
Loans charged-off:					
Commercial and agricultural loans	1,358		23	305	161
Real estate mortgage loans	351	36		29	41
Installment loans	5,277	2,701	1,120	1,096	863
Total loans charged-off	6,986	2,737	1,143	1,430	1,065
Recoveries of loans previously charged-off:					
Commercial and agricultural loans	15	48	201	161	79
Real estate mortgage loans	50			2	2
Installment loans	972	674	407	364	278
Total loan recoveries	1,037	722	608	527	359
Net loans charged-off	5,949	2,015	535	903	706
Provision charged to operating expense	7,568	3,068	905	1,521	990
Acquired through acquisition				557	
Balance at the end of the period	$11,410	$9,791	$8,738	$8,368	$7,193
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans outstanding for the period	.70%	.24%	.07%	.14%	.14%

B. The following schedule is a breakdown of the allowance for loan losses allocated by type of loan and the percentage of loans in each category to total loans.

Allocation of the Allowance for Loan Losses at December 31 (dollar amounts in thousands)

	2008		2007		2006		2005		2004	
	Allowance Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans	Allowance Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans	Allowance Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans	Allowance Amount	% of Loans to Total Loan	Allowance Amount	% of Loans to Total Loans
Commercial, financial and agricultural	$ 3,202	35%	$2,656	35%	$2,987	32%	$2,733	37%	2,469	36%
Real estate mortgage	973	19	779	24	768	27	585	22	808	16
Mortgage warehousing	1,354	14	1,309	9	1,762	13	1,958	13	2,029	23
Installment	5,881	32	5,047	32	3,181	28	2,958	28	1,860	25
Unallocated					40		134		27	
Total	$11,410	100%	$9,791	100%	$8,738	100%	$8,368	100%	$7,193	100%

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In 1999, Horizon began a mortgage warehousing program. This program is described in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation in Item 7 below and in the Notes to the Financial Statements in Item 8 below, which are incorporated herein by reference. The greatest risk related to these loans is transaction and fraud risk. During 2008, Horizon processed over $2.0 billion in mortgage warehouse loans.

V. DEPOSITS

Information required by this section is found in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation in Item 7 below and in the Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes in Item 8 below, which are incorporated herein by reference.

VI. RETURN ON EQUITY AND ASSETS

Information required by this section is found in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation in Item 7 below and in the Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes in Item 8 below, which are incorporated herein by reference.

VII. SHORT TERM BORROWINGS

The following is a schedule of statistical information relative to securities sold under agreements to repurchase which are secured by U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency securities and mature within one year. There were no other categories of short-term borrowings for which the average balance outstanding during the period was 30 percent or more of stockholders equity at the end of the period.

December 31 (dollar amounts in thousands)	**2008**	**2007**
Outstanding at year end	$39,995	$41,369
Approximate weighted-average interest rate at year-end	1.28%	2.54%
Highest amount outstanding as of any month-end during the year	$53,618	$42,961
Approximate average outstanding during the year	$41,522	$39,931
Approximate weighted-average interest during the year	1.72%	2.94%

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND RISK FACTORS

A cautionary note about forward-looking statements: In its oral and written statements, Horizon from time to time includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements can include statements about estimated cost savings, plans and objectives for future operations and expectations about Horizon s financial and business performance as well as economic and market conditions. They often can be identified by the use of words like expect, may, could, intend, project, estimate, or anticipate.

Horizon may include forward-looking statements in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), such as this Form 10-K, in other written materials, and in oral statements made by senior management to analysts, investors, representatives of the media, and others. It is intended that these forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and Horizon undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the forward-looking statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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By their nature, forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors. You are cautioned that actual results may differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statement. The discussion in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation in Item 7 of this Form 10-K lists some of the factors that could cause Horizon s actual results to vary materially from those expressed in or implied by any forward-looking statements. Your attention is directed to this discussion.
Other risks and uncertainties that could affect Horizon s future performance are set forth immediately below in Item 1A Risk Factors

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Risks Related to our Business

As a financial institution, we are subject to a number of risks relating to our day-to-day business.

As a financial institution, we are subject to a number of risks relating to our daily business. Although we undertake a variety of efforts to manage and control those risks, many of the risks are outside of our control. Among the risks we face are the following:

- credit risk: the risk that loan customers or other parties will be unable to perform their contractual obligations;
- market risk: the risk that changes in market rates and prices will adversely affect our financial condition or results of operation;
- liquidity risk: the risk that Horizon or the Bank will have insufficient cash or access to cash to meet its operating needs; and
- operational risk: the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or external events.
- economic risk: the risk that the economy in our markets could decline further resulting in increased unemployment, decreased real estate values and increased loan charge-offs.
- compliance risk: The risk of additional action by Horizon s regulators or additional regulation could hinder our ability to do business profitably.

Investors should consider carefully these risks and the other risks and uncertainties described below. Any of these risks could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or operating results which could cause our stock price to decline. The risks and uncertainties described below are not, however, the only ones that we may face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us, or that we currently believe are not material, could also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or operating results

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The current economic environment poses significant challenges for us and could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We are operating in a challenging and uncertain economic environment, including generally uncertain national conditions and local conditions in our markets. The capital and credit markets have been experiencing volatility and disruption for more than 12 months. This presents financial institutions with unprecedented circumstances and challenges which in some cases have resulted in large declines in the fair values of investments and other assets, constraints on liquidity and significant credit quality problems, including severe volatility in the valuation of real estate and other collateral supporting loans. Our financial statements have been prepared using values and information currently available to us, but given this volatility, the values of assets and liabilities recorded in the financial statements could change rapidly, resulting in material future adjustments in asset values and the allowance for loan losses, which could negatively impact our ability to meet regulatory capital requirements and maintain sufficient liquidity. The risks associated with our business become more acute in periods of a slowing economy or slow growth such as we experienced in the latter half of 2008 and which has continued into 2009. Financial institutions continue to be affected by sharp declines in the real estate market and constrained financial markets. While we are taking steps to decrease and limit our exposure to residential construction and land development loans and home equity loans, we nonetheless retain direct exposure to the residential and commercial real estate markets, and we are affected by these events.

Continued declines in real estate values, home sales volumes and financial stress on borrowers as a result of the uncertain economic environment, including job loss, could have an adverse effect on our borrowers or their customers, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the national economic recession or further deterioration in local economic conditions in our markets could drive losses beyond that which is provided for in our allowance for loan losses and result in the following other consequences: increases in loan delinquencies, problem assets and foreclosures may increase; demand for our products and services may decline; deposits may decrease, which would adversely impact our liquidity position; and collateral for our loans, especially real estate, may decline in value, in turn reducing customers borrowing power, and reducing the value of assets and collateral associated with our existing loans.

Our financial performance may be adversely impacted if we are unable to continue to grow our commercial and consumer loan portfolios, obtain low-cost funds and compete with other providers of financial services.

Our ability to maintain our history of record earnings year after year will depend, in large part, on our ability to continue to grow our loan portfolios and obtain low-cost funds. For the past three years, we focused on increasing consumer loans, and we intend to continue to emphasize and grow consumer, as well as commercial loans in the foreseeable future. This represented a shift in our emphasis from 2002 and 2003 when we focused on mortgage banking services, which generated a large portion of our income during those years.

We have also funded our growth with low-cost consumer deposits, and our ability to sustain our growth will depend in part on our continued success in attracting and retaining such deposits or finding other sources of low-cost funds. Another factor in maintaining our history of record earnings will be our ability to expand our scope of available financial services to our customers in an increasingly competitive environment. In addition to other banks, our competitors include credit unions, securities brokers and dealers, mortgage brokers, mortgage bankers, investment advisors, and finance and insurance companies. Competition is intense in most of our markets. We compete on price and service with our competitors. Competition could intensify in the future as a result of industry consolidation, the increasing availability of products and services from non-banks, greater technological developments in the industry, and banking reform.

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Our commercial and consumer loans expose us to increased credit risks.

We have a large percentage of commercial and consumer loans. Commercial loans generally have greater credit risk than residential mortgage loans because repayment of these loans often depends on the successful business operations of the borrowers. These loans also typically have much larger loan balances than residential mortgage loans. Consumer loans generally involve greater risk than residential mortgage loans because they are unsecured or secured by assets that depreciate in value. Although we undertake a variety of underwriting, monitoring and reserving protections with respect to these types of loans, there can be no guarantee that we will not suffer unexpected losses, and recently, we have experienced an increase in the default rates in our consumer loan portfolio, particularly relating to indirect auto loans.

Our holdings of construction, land and home equity loans, may pose more credit risk than other types of mortgage loans.

In light of current economic conditions, construction loans, loans secured by commercial real estate and home equity loans are considered more risky than other types of mortgage loans. Due to the disruptions in credit and housing markets, real estate values have decreased in most areas of the U.S., and many of the developers to whom we lend experienced a decline in sales of new homes from their projects. As a result of this market disruption, some of our land and construction loans have become non-performing as developers are unable to build and sell homes in volumes large enough for orderly repayment of loans and as other owners of such real estate (including homeowners) were unable to keep up with their payments. We believe we have established adequate reserves on our financial statements to cover the credit risk of these loan portfolios. However, there can be no assurance that losses will not exceed our reserves, and ultimately result in a material level of charge-offs, which could adversely impact our results of operations, liquidity and capital.

Changes in market interest rates could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Our financial condition and results of operations are significantly affected by changes in market interest rates. Our results of operations depend substantially on our net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income that we earn on our interest-earning assets and the interest expense that we pay on our interest-bearing liabilities. Our profitability depends on our ability to manage our assets and liabilities during periods of changing market interest rates. If rates increase rapidly as a result of an improving economy, we may have to increase the rates paid on our deposits and borrowed funds more quickly than loans and investments re-price, resulting in a negative impact on interest spreads and net interest income. The impact of rising rates could be compounded if deposit customers move funds from savings accounts to higher rate certificate of deposit accounts. Conversely, should market interest rates fall below current levels, our net interest margin could also be negatively affected, as competitive pressures could keep us from further reducing rates on our deposits, and prepayments and curtailments on assets may continue. Such movements may cause a decrease in our interest rate spread and net interest margin, and therefore, decrease our profitability.

We also are subject to reinvestment risk associated with changes in interest rates. Changes in interest rates may affect the average life of loans and mortgage-related securities. Increases in interest rates may decrease loan demand and/or may make it more difficult for borrowers to repay adjustable rate loans. Decreases in interest rates often result in increased prepayments of loans and mortgage-related securities, as borrowers refinance their loans to reduce borrowing costs. Under these circumstances, we are subject to reinvestment risk to the extent that we are unable to reinvest the cash received from such prepayments in loans or other investments that have interest rates that are comparable to the interest rates on existing loans and securities.

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An economic slowdown in Northwestern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan could affect our business.

Our primary market area for deposits and loans consists of LaPorte and Porter Counties in Northwestern Indiana and Berrien County in Southwestern Michigan. An economic slowdown, which could cause a rise in unemployment and a decline in real estate values in our market areas, could hurt our business. Possible consequences of such a downturn could include the following:

- increases in loan delinquencies and foreclosures;
- declines in the value of real estate and other collateral for loans;
- increase in loans charged off;
- a decline in the demand for our products and services;
- increase in non-accrual loans and other real estate owned.

Our deposit insurance premiums could be substantially higher in the future which will have an adverse effect on our future earnings.

Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the FDIC, absent extraordinary circumstances, must establish and implement a plan to restore the deposit insurance reserve ratio to 1.15% of insured deposits, over a five-year period, at any time that the reserve ratio falls below 1.15%. The recent failures of financial institutions have increased the Deposit Insurance Fund s loss provisions, resulting in a decline in the reserve ratio to 1.01% as of June 30, 2008, 18 basis points below the reserve ratio as of March 31, 2008. The FDIC expects a higher rate of insured institution failures in the next few years, which may result in a continued decline in the reserve ratio.

On October 7, 2008, the FDIC released a five-year recapitalization plan and a proposal to raise premiums to recapitalize the fund. In order to implement the restoration plan, the FDIC proposed to change both its risk-based assessment system and its base assessment rates. Assessment rates would increase by seven basis points across the range of risk weightings. Changes to the risk-based assessment system would include increasing premiums for institutions that rely on excessive amounts of brokered deposits, increasing premiums for excessive use of secured liabilities, and lowering premiums for smaller institutions with very high capital levels.

On February 27, 2009, the FDIC announced the imposition of a special assessment and changes to assessment rates, to the risk-based assessment system that will take effect beginning April 1, 2009, and to the restoration plan. The FDIC adopted an interim rule that imposes a special assessment of 10 basis points as of June 30, 2009, which is to be collected on September 30, 2009. Assuming that deposit levels remain constant, we anticipate that the special assessment for the Bank would total approximately $779,000. The FDIC s interim rule also provides for the imposition of additional special assessments of up to 10 basis points if necessary. Comments on the interim rule are due within 30 days of publication in the Federal Register. Under the new assessment system, banks in the best risk category will pay from 12 cents to 16 cents per $100 of insured deposits. The FDIC also announced an amendment to the restoration plan to extend the period of the plan from five to seven years.

As a member institution of the FDIC, we are required to pay quarterly deposit insurance premium assessments to the FDIC. Insured depository institutions that were in existence on December 31, 1996, and paid assessments prior to that date (or their successors) were entitled to a one-time credit against future assessments based on their past contributions to the BIF or SAIF. In 2006, the Bank received a one-time credit of $457,534 against future assessments. Of our initial credit, $313,911 was utilized in 2007, which reduced our FDIC expense to $99,000. Our insurance premiums for 2008 increased significantly and totaled $546,000 after utilizing our remaining credit of $143,623 in the first quarter of 2008.

Financial problems at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis may adversely affect our ability to borrow monies in the future and our income.

Horizon owns $11.0 million of stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI) and has outstanding borrowings of over $177 million with the FHLBI. The FHLBI stock entitles us to dividends from the FHLBI. Horizon recognized dividend income of approximately $476 thousand and $520 thousand in 2007 and 2008, respectively. Due to various financial difficulties in the financial institution industry in 2008, including the write-down of various mortgage backed securities held by the FHLBI (which lowered its regulatory capital levels), the FHLBI initially deferred the declaration of a fourth quarter dividend pending a review of private-label mortgage-backed securities for other-than-temporary impairment. Although the deferred dividend has now been paid, continued and additional financial difficulties at the FHLBI could further reduce or eliminate the dividends we receive from the FHLBI. Horizon s total borrowing capacity with the FHLBI is currently $244 million. Generally, the loan terms from the FHLBI are better than the terms Horizon can receive from other sources making it cheaper to borrow money from the FHLBI. Continued and additional financial difficulties at the FHLBI could reduce or eliminate our additional borrowing capacity with the FHLBI which could force us to borrow money from other sources. Such other monies may not be available when we need them or, more likely, will be available at higher interest rates and on less advantageous terms, which will impact our net income and could impact our ability to grow.

The preparation of our financial statements requires the use of estimates that may vary from actual results.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make significant estimates that affect the financial statements. One of our most critical estimates is the level of the allowance for loan losses. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, we cannot provide absolute assurance that we will not have to increase the allowance for loan losses and/or sustain loan losses that are significantly higher than the provided allowance.

Our mortgage warehouse and indirect lending operations are subject to a higher fraud risk than our other lending operations.

We buy loans originated by mortgage bankers and automobile dealers. Because we must rely on the mortgage bankers and automobile dealers in making and documenting these loans, there is an increased risk of fraud to us on the part of the third-party originators and the underlying borrowers. In order to guard against this increased risk, we perform investigations on the loan originators with whom we do business, and we review the loan files and loan documents we purchase to attempt to detect any irregularities or legal noncompliance. However, there is no guarantee that our procedures will detect all cases of fraud or legal noncompliance.

We are subject to extensive regulation and changes in laws, regulations and policies could adversely affect our business.

Our operations are subject to extensive regulation by federal agencies. See Supervision and Regulation in the description of our Business in Part I of this Form 10-K for detailed information on the laws and regulations to which we are subject. As apparent from the recent Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA) and Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) legislation, changes in applicable laws, regulations or regulator policies can materially affect our business. The likelihood of any major changes in the future and their effects are impossible to determine.

In addition to the EESA and TARP legislation mentioned above, federal and state governments could pass additional legislation responsive to current credit conditions. As an example, Horizon Bank could experience higher credit losses because of federal or state legislation or regulatory action that reduces the amount the Bank s borrowers are otherwise contractually required to pay under existing loan contracts. Also, Horizon Bank could experience higher credit losses because of federal or state legislation or regulatory action that limits its ability to foreclose on property or other collateral or makes foreclosure less economically feasible.

The new laws described above, together with additional actions announced by the U.S. Treasury Department (Treasury) and other regulatory agencies continue to develop. It is not clear at this time what impact, EESA, TARP, other liquidity and funding initiatives of the Treasury and other bank regulatory agencies that have been previously announced, and any additional programs that may be initiated in the future, will have on the financial markets and the financial services industry. The extreme levels of volatility and limited credit availability currently being experienced could continue to effect the U.S. banking industry and the broader U.S. and global economies, which will have an affect on all financial institutions, including Horizon.

Our inability to continue to accurately process large volumes of transactions could adversely impact our business and financial results.

In the normal course of business, we process large volumes of transactions. If systems of internal control should fail to work as expected, if systems are used in an unauthorized manner, or if employees subvert the system of internal controls, significant losses could result.

We process large volumes of transactions on a daily basis and are exposed to numerous types of operational risk. Operational risk resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems includes the risk of fraud by persons inside or outside the company, the execution of unauthorized transactions by employees, errors relating to transaction processing and systems, and breaches of the internal control system and compliance requirements. This risk of loss also includes the potential legal actions that could arise as a result of the operational deficiency or as a result of noncompliance with applicable regulatory standards.

We establish and maintain systems of internal operational controls that are designed to provide us with timely and accurate information about our level of operational risk. While not foolproof, these systems have been designed to manage operational risk at appropriate, cost-effective levels. Procedures also exist that are designed to ensure that policies relating to conduct, ethics and business practices are followed. From time to time, losses from operational risk may occur, including the effects of operational errors.

While we continually monitor and improve the system of internal controls, data processing systems and corporate-wide processes and procedures, there can be no assurance that future losses will not occur.

The soundness of other financial institutions could adversely affect us.

Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty, or other relationships. We have exposure to many different industries and counterparties, and we routinely execute transactions with counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment banks, mutual and hedge funds, and other institutional clients. Many of these transactions expose us to credit risk in the event of default by our counterparty or client. In addition, our credit risk may be exacerbated when the collateral held by us cannot be realized or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount of the loan or derivative exposure due us. There is no assurance that any such losses would not materially and adversely affect our results of operations or earnings.

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Risks Related to our Common Stock

The price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly, and this may make it difficult for you to resell our common stock at times or at prices you find attractive.

Although our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market, our stock price constantly changes (sometimes dramatically), and we expect our stock price to continue to fluctuate in the future. Our stock price is impacted by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond our control.

These factors include:

- variations in our operating results or the quality of our assets;
- operating results that vary from the expectations of management, securities analysts and investors;
- increase in loan losses, non-performing loans and other real estate owned;
- changes in expectations as to our future financial performance;
- announcements of new products, strategic developments, acquisitions and other material events by us or our competitors;
- the operating and securities price performance of other companies that investors believe are comparable to us;
- actual or anticipated sales of our equity or equity-related securities;
- our past and future dividend practice;
- our creditworthiness;
- interest rates;
- the credit, mortgage and housing markets, the markets for securities relating to mortgages or housing;
- developments with respect to financial institutions generally; and
- economic, financial, geopolitical, regulatory, congressional or judicial events that affect us or the financial markets.

In addition the stock market in general has recently experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. This volatility has had a significant effect on the market price of securities issued by many companies and particularly those in the financial services and banking sector, including for reasons unrelated to their operating performance. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect our stock price, notwithstanding our operating results.

Our participation in the Treasury s Capital Purchase Program may adversely affect the value of our common stock and the rights of our common stockholders.

The terms of the preferred stock Horizon issued under the Treasury s Capital Purchase Program could reduce investment returns to Horizon s common stockholders by restricting dividends, diluting existing stockholders ownership interests, and restricting capital management practices. Without the prior consent of the Treasury, Horizon will be prohibited from increasing its common stock dividends for the first three years while the Treasury holds the preferred stock.

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Also, the preferred stock requires quarterly dividends to be paid at the rate of 5% per annum for the first five years and 9% per annum thereafter until the stock is redeemed by Horizon. The payments of these dividends will decrease the excess cash Horizon otherwise has available to pay dividends on its common stock and to use for general corporate purposes, including working capital.

Finally, Horizon will be prohibited from continuing to pay dividends on its common stock unless it has fully paid all required dividends on the preferred stock issued to the Treasury. Although Horizon fully expects to be able to pay all required dividends on the preferred stock (and to continue to pay dividends on its common stock at current levels), there is no guarantee that it will be able to do so in the future.

Because our stock is thinly traded, it may be more difficult for you to sell your shares or buy additional shares when you desire to do so and the price may be volatile.

Although our common stock has been listed on the NASDAQ stock market since December 2001, our common stock is thinly traded. The prices of thinly traded stocks, such as ours, are typically more volatile than stocks traded in a large, active public market and can be more easily impacted by sales or purchases of large blocks of stock. Thinly traded stocks are also less liquid, and because of the low volume of trades, you may be unable to sell your shares when you desire to do so.

Provisions in our articles of incorporation, our by-laws, and Indiana law may delay or prevent an acquisition of us by a third party.

Our articles of incorporation and by-laws and Indiana law contain provisions which have certain anti-takeover effects. While the purpose of these provisions is to strengthen the negotiating position of the board in the event of a hostile takeover attempt, the overall effects of these provisions may be to render more difficult or discourage a merger, tender offer or proxy contest, the assumption of control by a holder of a larger block of our shares, and the removal of incumbent directors and key management.

Our articles of incorporation provide for a staggered board, which means that only one-third of our board can be replaced by shareholders at any annual meeting. Our articles also provide that our directors may only be removed without cause by shareholders owning 70% or more of our outstanding common stock. Furthermore, our articles provide that only our board of directors, and not our shareholders, may adopt, alter, amend and repeal our by-laws.

Our articles also preempt Indiana law with respect to business combinations with a person who acquires 10% or more of our common stock and provide that such transactions are subject to independent and super-majority shareholder approval requirements unless certain pricing and board pre-approval requirements are satisfied.

Our by-laws do not permit cumulative voting of shareholders in the election of directors, allowing the holders of a majority of our outstanding shares to control the election of all our directors, and our directors are elected by plurality (not majority) voting. Our by-laws also establish detailed procedures that shareholders must follow if they desire to nominate directors for election or otherwise present issues for consideration at a shareholders meeting. We also have a mandatory retirement age for directors.

These and other provisions of our governing documents and Indiana law are intended to provide the board of directors with the negotiating leverage to achieve a more favorable outcome for our shareholders in the event of an offer for the company. However, there is no assurance that these same anti-takeover provisions could not have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might be in the best interest of our shareholders.

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ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The main office and full service branch of Horizon and the Bank is located at 515 Franklin Square, Michigan City, Indiana. The building located across the street from the main office of Horizon and the Bank, at 502 Franklin Square, houses the credit administration, operations, facilities and purchasing and information technology departments of the Bank. In addition to these principal facilities, the Bank has 16 sales offices located at:

3631 South Franklin Street, Michigan City, Indiana
113 W. First St., Wanatah, Indiana
1500 W. Lincolnway, LaPorte, Indiana
423 South Roosevelt Street, Chesterton, Indiana
4208 N. Calumet, Valparaiso, Indiana
902 Lincolnway, Valparaiso, Indiana
2650 Willowcreek Road, Portage, Indiana
8590 Broadway, Merrillville, Indiana
811 Ship Street, St. Joseph, Michigan
2608 Niles Road, St. Joseph, Michigan
1041 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, Michigan
233 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana
1909 East Bristol Street, Elkhart, Indiana
500 West Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, Michigan
13696 Redarrow Highway, Harbert, Michigan
6801 West U.S. 12 Three Oaks, Michigan

Horizon owns all of the facilities, except for the South Bend, Indiana office, which are leased from third party.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On August 5, 2008, Maria Coto filed a putative class action complaint in the Porter County Superior Court, Porter County, Indiana, on behalf of herself and others who have had their vehicles repossessed by the Bank during the four years prior to the filing of the action. The complaint alleged that the Bank s post-repossession notice to defaulting borrowers did not comply with certain aspects of Indiana law. The plaintiff was seeking statutory damages and costs. The parties have agreed to a tentative settlement of this action.

Horizon is continuing to investigate the legitimacy of claims made by First Horizon National Corporation, headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee (FHNC), regarding FHNC s trademark rights in the name Horizon Bank (and other names that include the word Horizon). An attorney representing FNHC raised the claims in a letter dated October 27, 2008, and proposed that Horizon assign its common law rights in that name to FHNC in exchange for a license back to use the Horizon name in Horizon s current trade area and a reasonable zone of expansion.

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ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matters were submitted to a vote of Horizon s stockholders during the fourth quarter of the 2008 fiscal year.

SPECIAL ITEM: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF REGISTRANT

Robert C. Dabagia	70	Chairman of Horizon since 1998; Chief Executive Officer of Horizon and the Bank until July 1, 2001.
Craig M. Dwight	52	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank since January 2003; President and Chief Executive Officer of Horizon and the Bank since July 1, 2001.
Thomas H. Edwards	56	President and Chief Operating Officer of the Bank since January 2003.
Mark E. Secor	42	Chief Financial Officer of Horizon and the Bank since January 2009. Vice President, Chief Investment and Asset Liability Manager since June 2007, Chief Financial Officer of St. Joseph Capital Corp., Mishawaka, Indiana since January 2004.
James D. Neff	49	Corporate Secretary of Horizon since 2007; Executive Vice President-Mortgage Banking of the Bank since January 2004; Senior Vice President of the Bank since October 1999.
Donald E. Radde	56	Market President for Southwest Michigan for the Bank since January 2004.

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PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Repurchases of Securities

There were no purchases by the Company of its common stock during the fourth quarter of 2008.

Performance Graph

The Securities and Exchange Commission requires Horizon to include a line graph comparing Horizon s cumulative five-year total shareholder returns on the Common Shares with market and industry returns over the past five years. SNL Financial LC prepared the following graph. The return represented in the graph assumes the investment of $100 on January 1, 2004, and further assumes reinvestment of all dividends. The Common Shares began trading on the NASDAQ Global Market February 1, 2007. Prior to that date, the Common Shares were traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market.

Horizon Bancorp

			Period Ending			
Index	**12/31/03**	**12/31/04**	**12/31/05**	**12/31/06**	**12/31/07**	**12/31/08**
Horizon Bancorp	100.00	99.74	98.89	105.13	100.46	51.16
Russell 2000	100.00	118.33	123.72	146.44	144.15	95.44
SNL Bank $1B-$5B	100.00	123.42	121.31	140.38	102.26	84.81

Source : SNL Financial LC, Charlottesville, VA **(434) 977-1600**
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The following chart, prepared by the investment banking firm of Keefe, Bruyette and Woods compares the change in market price of Horizon s stock to that of publically traded banks in Indiana and Michigan.

Relative Price Performance Over Time

Price Performance of HBNC, Indiana and Michigan Indices from December 31, 2003 December 31, 2008
Source: SNL Financial

The other information regarding Horizon s common stock is included under the caption Horizon s Common Stock and Related Stockholders Matters in Item 8 below, which is incorporated by reference.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The information required under this item is incorporated by reference to the information appearing under the caption Summary of Selected Financial Data in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION

Horizon Bancorp and Subsidiaries
Management s Discussion and Analysis of
Financial Condition and Results of Operations
(Table Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

Overview

Horizon continues to operate in a challenging and uncertain economic environment. Within our primary market areas of Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan unemployment rates have increased over the prior year. This rise in unemployment has been driven by factors including slowdowns in the steel and recreational vehicle industries as well as a continued slowdown in the housing industry. Like numerous other parts of the country, Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan are experiencing a rise in mortgage delinquencies and bankruptcy filings as a result of increased unemployment rates. Despite these economic factors, Horizon reported its ninth consecutive year of record earnings. Following are some of the major factors that influenced Horizons financial performance for 2008:

Horizon s net interest margin at 3.38% for 2008 increased 35 basis points from 2007. Average earning assets increased approximately $23 million. These two factors were the primary cause of an increase of $4.5 million or 13.8% in net interest income. Horizon s cost of funds has dropped approximately 108 basis points since the fourth quarter of 2007 while the yield on earning assets declined approximately 72 basis points. Horizon reduced rates on NOW and money market accounts in line with short-term rate decreases put in place during the year by the Federal Open Market Committee. In addition, a large amount of Certificates of Deposit (CDs) matured during the first half of 2008 and were renewed at lower rates. Additionally, at December 31, 2008, all mortgage warehouse loans ($123 million) and certain home equity and commercial loans (totaling approximately $136 million) reached contractual rate floors. This improved the net interest margin as funding costs continued to decline.

In 2008, Horizon experienced an increase net loan charge-offs and non-performing loans. This resulted in a provision for loan losses of $7.6 million, which is more than double the prior year. There was also an significant increase in loan collection expense of $412 thousand.

Horizon began hedging fixed rate commercial loans to swap them to an adjustable rate to help maintain a balanced asset-liability rate sensitivity position.

In December of 2008, Horizon issued $25 million of perpetual preferred stock to the U.S. Treasury under the Treasury s Capital Purchase Program under TARP, to gain access to relatively low-cost Tier I Capital.

Critical Accounting Policies

Horizon has established various accounting policies, which govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States in the preparation the Company s financial statements. The significant accounting policies of the Company are described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 on Form 10-K. Certain of these policies are important to the portrayal of the Company s financial condition, since they require management to make difficult, complex or subjective judgments, some of which may relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. Management has identified the following as critical accounting policies:

Allowance for Loan Losses

An allowance for loan losses is maintained to absorb probable incurred loan losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The determination of the allowance for loan losses is a critical accounting policy that involves management s ongoing quarterly assessments of the probable incurred losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The identification of loans that have probable incurred losses is subjective, therefore, a general reserve is maintained to cover all probable losses within the entire loan portfolio. Horizon utilizes a loan grading system that helps identify, monitor and address asset quality problems in an adequate and timely manner. Each quarter, various factors affecting the quality of the loan portfolio are reviewed. Large credits are reviewed on an individual basis for loss potential. Other loans are reviewed as a group based upon previous trends of loss experience. Horizon also reviews the current and anticipated economic conditions of its lending market as well as transaction risk to determine the effect they may have on the loss experience of the loan portfolio.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Management believes that the accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets also involves a higher degree of judgment than most other significant accounting policies. Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 142, *Accounting for Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets,* establishes standards for the amortization of acquired intangible assets and impairment assessment of goodwill. At December 31, 2008, Horizon had core deposit intangibles of $1.751 million subject to amortization and $5.787 million of goodwill, which is not subject to amortization. Goodwill arising from business combinations represents the value attributable to unidentifiable intangible assets in the business acquired. Horizon s goodwill relates to the value inherent in the banking industry and that value is dependent upon the ability of Horizon to provide quality, cost effective banking services in a competitive marketplace. The goodwill value is supported by revenue that is in part driven by the volume of business transacted. A decrease in earnings resulting from a decline in the customer base or the inability to deliver cost effective services over sustained periods can lead to impairment of goodwill that could adversely impact earnings in future periods. SFAS No. 142 requires an annual evaluation of goodwill for impairment. The evaluation of goodwill for impairment requires the use of estimates and assumptions. For the first time in Horizon s history, the market value for Horizon s stock dropped below the book value during the fourth quarter of 2008. Market price at the close of business on December 31, 2008 was $12.50 per share compared to a book value of $24.46 per common share. Horizon reported record earnings for the ninth consecutive year in 2008 and believes the decline in market price relates to an overall decline in the financial industry sector and are not specific to Horizon. Horizon engaged a third party to perform an impairment test of its goodwill. The evaluation included three approaches: 1) income approach using a discounted cash flow based on earnings capacity, 2) price to earnings multiples and 3) price to book value ratios. Approaches 2 & 3 use median results from 17 bank sale transactions that occurred during 2007 and 2008. The selling banks ranged in size from $763 million to $2.1 billion. The impairment test was performed as of November 30, 2008 and yielded an implied fair value for the Bank well above the book value.

Financial results for December 2008 (and for the full year of 2008) were as anticipated by the analysis. An additional $20 million of capital was injected into Horizon Bank by the holding company but the calculated fair value of Horizon Bank is still well above its book value. Horizon has concluded that, based on its own internal evaluation and the independent impairment test conducted by a third party, the recorded value of goodwill is not impaired.

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Mortgage Servicing Rights

Servicing assets are recognized as separate assets when rights are acquired through purchase or through the sale of financial assets on a servicing-retained basis. Capitalized servicing rights are amortized into non-interest income in proportion to, and over the period of, the estimated future net servicing income of the underlying financial assets. Servicing assets are evaluated regularly for impairment based upon the fair value of the rights as compared to amortized cost. Impairment is determined by stratifying servicing rights by predominant characteristics, such as interest rates, original loan terms and whether the loans are fixed or adjustable rate mortgages. Fair value is determined using prices for similar assets with similar characteristics, when available, or based upon discounted cash flows using market-based assumptions. When the book value of an individual stratum exceeds its fair value, an impairment reserve is recognized so that each individual stratum is carried at the lower of its amortized book value or fair value. In periods of falling market interest rates, accelerated loan prepayment speeds can adversely impact the fair value of these mortgage-servicing rights relative to their book value. In the event that the fair value of these assets was to increase in the future, Horizon can recognize the increased fair value to the extent of the impairment allowance but cannot recognize an asset in excess of its amortized book value. Future changes in management s assessment of the impairment of these servicing assets, as a result of changes in observable market data relating to market interest rates, loan prepayment speeds, and other factors, could impact Horizon s financial condition and results of operations either positively or adversely.

Generally, when market interest rates decline and other factors favorable to prepayments occur, there is a corresponding increase in prepayments as customers refinance existing mortgages under more favorable interest rate terms. When a mortgage loan is prepaid, the anticipated cash flows associated with servicing that loan are terminated, resulting in a reduction of the fair value of the capitalized mortgage servicing rights. To the extent that actual borrower prepayments do not react as anticipated by the prepayment model (i.e., the historical data observed in the model does not correspond to actual market activity), it is possible that the prepayment model could fail to accurately predict mortgage prepayments and could result in significant earnings volatility. To estimate prepayment speeds, Horizon utilizes a third-party prepayment model, which is based upon statistically derived data linked to certain key principal indicators involving historical borrower prepayment activity associated with mortgage loans in the secondary market, current market interest rates and other factors, including Horizon s own historical prepayment experience. For purposes of model valuation, estimates are made for each product type within the mortgage servicing rights portfolio on a monthly basis.

Derivative Instruments

As part of our asset/liability management program, Horizon utilizes, from time-to-time, interest rate floors, caps or swaps to reduce our sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations. These are derivative instruments, which are recorded as assets or liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value. Changes in the fair values of derivatives are reported in the consolidated income statements or other comprehensive income (OCI) depending on the use of the derivative and whether the instrument qualifies for hedge accounting. The key criterion for the hedge accounting is that the hedged relationship must be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in those cash flows that are attributable to the hedged risk, both at inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis.

Horizon s accounting policies related to derivatives reflect the guidance in SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as revised and further interpreted by SFAS No. 149, *Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, (SFAS 133) and other related accounting guidance. Derivatives that qualify for the hedge accounting treatment are designated as either: a hedge of the fair value of the recognized asset or liability or of an unrecognized firm commitment (a fair value hedge) or a hedge of a forecasted transaction or the variability of cash flows to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability (a cash flow hedge). For fair value hedges, the cumulative change in fair value of both the hedge instruments and the underlying loans is recorded in non-interest income. For cash flow hedges, changes in the fair values of the derivative instruments are reported in OCI to the extent the hedge is effective. The gains and losses on derivative instruments that are reported in OCI are reflected in the consolidated income statement in the periods in which the results of operations are impacted by the variability of the cash flows of the hedged item. Generally, net interest income is increased or decreased by amounts receivable or payable with respect to the derivatives, which qualify for hedge accounting. At inception of the hedge, Horizon establishes the method it uses for assessing the effectiveness of the hedging derivative and the measurement approach for determining the ineffective aspect of the hedge. The ineffective portion of the hedge, if any, is recognized currently in the consolidated statements of income. Horizon excludes the time value expiration of the hedge when measuring ineffectiveness.

Valuation Measurements

Valuation methodologies often involve a significant degree of judgment, particularly when there are no observable active markets for the items being valued. Investment securities, residential mortgage loans held for sale and derivatives are carried at fair value, as defined in SFAS No. 157 *Fair Value Measurement* (SFAS 157), which requires key judgments affecting how fair value for such assets and liabilities is determined. In addition, the outcomes of valuations have a direct bearing on the carrying amounts of goodwill, mortgage servicing rights, and pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations. To determine the values of these assets and liabilities, as well as the extent to which related assets may be impaired, management makes assumptions and estimates related to discount rates, asset returns, prepayment rates and other factors. The use of different discount rates or other valuation assumptions could produce significantly different results, which could affect Horizon s results of operations.

Analysis of Financial Condition

Investment Securities

Investment securities totaled $303.268 million at December 31, 2008, and consisted of U.S. Treasury and Government Agency securities of $24.914 million (8.2%); Municipal securities of $88.619 million ($86.985 million are available for sale and $1.634 million are held to maturity)(29.2%); Mortgage-backed securities of $176.389 million (58.2%); collateralized mortgage obligations of $12.951 million (4.3%); and corporate securities of $399 thousand (.1%).

As indicated above, 62.5% of the investment portfolio consists of mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations. Approximately 1.3% of the portfolio or $4.0 million are private label collateralized mortgage obligations, the remainder are issued by Agencies of the Federal Government. The private label securities generally have loan to value ratios of approximately 50% and management feels these securities are not impaired. These instruments are secured by residential mortgages of varying maturities. Principal and interest payments are received monthly as the underlying mortgages are repaid. These payments also include prepayments of mortgage balances as borrowers either sell their homes or refinance their mortgages. Therefore, mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations have maturities that are stated in terms of average life. The average life is the average amount of time that each dollar of principal is expected to be outstanding. As of December 31, 2008, the mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations in the investment portfolio had an average life of 7.47 years. Securities that have interest rates above current market rates are purchased at a premium. These securities may experience a significant increase in prepayments when lower market interest rates create an incentive for the borrower to refinance the underlying mortgage. This may result in a decrease of current income, however, this risk is mitigated by a shorter average life. Management currently believes that prepayments on these securities could increase during 2009.

Available-for-sale municipal securities are priced by a third party using a pricing grid which estimates prices based on recent sales of similar securities. All municipal securities are investment grade or local non-rated issues and management does not believe there is permanent deterioration in market value.

At December 31, 2008, 99.5% of investment securities, and at December 31, 2007, all investment securities were classified as available for sale. Securities classified as available for sale are carried at their fair value, with both unrealized gains and losses recorded, net of tax, directly to stockholders equity. Net appreciation on these securities totaled $1.818 million, which resulted in a balance of $1.182 million , net of tax, included in stockholders equity at December 31, 2008. This compared to a $63 thousand, net of tax, included in stockholders equity at December 31, 2007.

Effective January 1, 2008, Horizon adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (FAS 157). FAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

When quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities include U.S. Treasury securities and corporate notes. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows. Level 2 securities include Federal agency securities, State and municipal securities, Federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations and Federal agency mortgage-backed pools. For level 2 securities, Horizon uses a third party service to determine fair value. In performing the valuations, the pricing service relies on models that consider security-specific details as well as relevant industry and economic factors. The most significant of these inputs are quoted market prices, interest rate spreads on relevant benchmark securities and certain prepayment assumptions. To verify the reasonableness of the fair value determination by the service, Horizon has a portion of the level 2 securities priced by an independent securities broker dealer. At December 31, 2008, 19% of the level 2 securities were tested. The test showed a variance of 0.3% between the two determinations so the valuation service was deemed to be accurate and those values were used for financial reporting.

Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, deemed temporary, are recorded, net of income tax, in a separate component of other comprehensive income on the balance sheet. No unrealized losses were deemed to be other-than-temporary .

As a member of the Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank systems, Horizon is required to maintain an investment in the common stock of each entity. The investment in common stock is based on a predetermined formula. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, Horizon had investments in the common stock of the Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank totaling $12.625 million.

At December 31, 2008, Horizon does not maintain a trading account.

For more information about securities, see Note 2 (Investment Securities) to the consolidated financial statements.

Loans

Total loans, the principal earning asset of the Bank, were $881.967 million at December 31, 2008. The current level of loans is a decrease of 0.8% from the December 31, 2007, level of $888.852 million. The table below provides comparative detail on the loan categories.

(dollar amounts in thousands) **December 31**	**2008**	**2007**	**Dollar Change**	**Percent Change**
Real estate loans				
1 4 family	$160,661	$206,914	$(46,253)	(22.35)%
Other	7,105	9,105	(2,000)	(21.97)
Total	167,766	216,019	(48,253)	(22.34)
Commercial loans				
Working capital and equipment	164,237	154,459	9,778	6.33
Real estate, including agriculture	137,442	141,733	(4,291)	(3.03)
Tax exempt	3,258	3,809	(551)	(14.47)
Other	5,905	7,534	(1,629)	(21.62)
Total	310,842	307,535	3,307	1.08
Consumer loans				
Auto	160,685	174,331	(13,646)	(7.83)
Recreation	6,985	7,074	(89)	(1.26)
Real estate/home improvement	34,582	41,684	(7,102)	(17.04)
Home equity	73,008	59,131	13,877	23.47
Unsecured	2,438	1,979	459	23.19
Other	2,374	2,874	(500)	(17.40)
Total	280,072	287,073	(7,001)	(2.44)
Mortgage warehouse loans				
Prime	115,939	69,894	46,045	65.88
Sub-Prime	7,348	8,331	(983)	(11.80)
Total	123,287	78,225	45,062	57.61
Grand total	$881,967	$888,852	$ (6,885)	(0.77)%

The acceptance and management of credit risk is an integral part of the Bank s business as a financial intermediary. The Bank has established underwriting standards including a policy that monitors the lending function through strict administrative and reporting requirements as well as an internal loan review of consumer and small business loans. The Bank also uses an independent third-party loan review function that regularly reviews asset quality.

Real Estate Loans

Real estate loans totaled $167.766 million or 19.0% of total loans as of December 31, 2008, compared to $216.019 million or 24.3% of total loans as of December 31, 2007. This category consists of home mortgages that generally require a loan to value of no more than 80%. Some special guaranteed or insured real estate loan programs do permit a higher loan to collateral value ratio.

In addition to the customary real estate loans described above, the Bank also has outstanding on December 31, 2008, $73.008 million in home equity lines of credit compared to $59.131 million at December 31, 2007. Credit lines normally limit the loan to collateral value to no more than 89%. These loans are classified as consumer loans in the table above and in Note 4 of the consolidated financial statements.
Residential real estate lending is a highly competitive business. As of December 31, 2008, the real estate loan portfolio reflected a wide range of interest rates and repayment patterns, but could generally be categorized as follows:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	2008 Amount	2008 Percent of Portfolio	2008 Yield	2007 Amount	2007 Percent of Portfolio	2007 Yield
Fixed rate						
Monthly payment	$ 36,278	21.62%	6.29%	$ 41,491	19.21%	6.47%
Biweekly payment	2,276	1.36	6.45	2,663	1.23	6.49
Adjustable rate						
Monthly payment	129,201	77.01	5.96	171,845	79.55	5.90
Biweekly payment	11	0.01	5.78	20	0.01	7.79
Total	$167,766	100.00%	6.04%	$216,019	100.00%	6.03%

During 2008 and 2007, approximately $178 million and $135 million, respectively, of residential mortgages were sold into the secondary market. The 2008 amount includes approximately $38 million of loans that were transferred to held for sale from the real estate loan portfolio and were subsequently sold during the first quarter to reduce Horizon s reliance on non-core funding and improve Horizon Bank s capital ratios.
In addition to the real estate loan portfolio, the Bank sells real estate loans and retains the servicing rights. Loans serviced for others are not included in the consolidated balance sheets. The unpaid principal balances and number of loans serviced for others totaled approximately $79,544,000 and 706 and $26,191,000 and 324 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
The Bank began capitalizing mortgage servicing rights during 2000 and the aggregate fair value of capitalized mortgage servicing rights at December 31, 2008, totaled approximately $1,208,000. Comparable market values and a valuation model that calculates the present value of future cash flows were used to estimate fair value. For purposes of measuring impairment, risk characteristics including product type, investor type and interest rates, were used to stratify the originated mortgage servicing rights.

(dollar amounts in thousands)	2008	2007	2006
Mortgage Servicing Rights			
Balances, January 1	$ 276	$248	$1,278
Servicing rights capitalized	634	79	83
Amortization of servicing rights	(178)	(51)	(251)
Servicing rights sold			(862)
	732	276	248
Impairment allowance	(4)	(7)	(3)
Balances, December 31	$ 728	$269	$ 245

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Commercial Loans

Commercial loans totaled $310.842 million, or 35.2% of total loans as of December 31, 2008, compared to $307.535 million, or 34.6% as of December 31, 2007.

Commercial loans consisted of the following types of loans at December 31:

	2008			2007		
(dollar amounts in thousands)	**Number**	**Amount**	**Percent of Portfolio**	**Number**	**Amount**	**Percent of Portfolio**
SBA guaranteed loans	21	$ 4,079	1.31%	17	$ 3,863	1.26%
Municipal government	18	3,258	1.05	26	3,809	1.24
Lines of credit	369	54,023	17.38	346	59,025	19.19
Real estate and equipment term loans	994	249,482	80.26	959	240,838	78.31
Total	1,402	$310,842	100.00%	1,348	$307,535	100.00%

Fixed rate term loans with a book value of $23.3 million and a fair value of $25.0 million have been swapped to a variable rate using derivative instruments. The loans are carried at fair value in the financial statements and the related swap is carried at fair value and is included with other liabilities in the balance sheet. The recognition of the loan and swap fair values are recorded in the income statement and for 2008 equally offset each other. Fair values are determined by the counter party using a proprietary model that uses live market inputs to value interest rate swaps. The model is subject to daily market tests as current and future positions are priced and valued. These are level 3 inputs under FAS 157 fair value hierarchy as described above.

Consumer Loans

Consumer loans totaled $280.072 million, or 31.8% of total loans as of December 31, 2008, compared to $287.073 million, or 32.3% as of December 31, 2007. The total consumer loan portfolio decreased 2.4% in 2008. The decline occurred in the indirect automobile and direct installment loan segments. Horizon tightened its underwriting standards for indirect loans in the fourth quarter of 2007. This, combined with the downturn in the automobile market, caused the drop in loans, as existing loans paid off at a faster rate than new loans that were booked. Direct installment loan declines were the result of a poor economy as consumer loan demand dried up.

Mortgage Warehouse Loans

Horizon s mortgage warehousing business line has specific mortgage companies as customers of Horizon Bank. Individual mortgage loans originated by these mortgage companies are funded as a secured borrowing with pledge of collateral under Horizon s agreement with the mortgage company. Each individual mortgage is assigned to Horizon until the loan is sold to the secondary market by the mortgage company. In addition, Horizon takes possession of each original note and forwards such note to the end investor once the mortgage company has sold the loan. At the time a loan is transferred to the secondary market, the mortgage company repurchases the loan under its option within the agreement. Due to the repurchase feature contained in the agreement, the transaction does not qualify as a sale under SFAS 140 paragraph 9 (c) and therefore is accounted for as a secured borrowing with pledge of collateral under paragraph 12 of SFAS 140 pursuant to the agreement with the mortgage company. When the individual loan is sold to the end investor by the mortgage company the proceeds from the sale of the loan are received by Horizon and used to payoff the loan balance with Horizon along with any accrued interest and any related fees. The remaining balance from the sale is forwarded to the mortgage company. These individual loans typically are sold by the mortgage company within 30 days and are seldom held more than 90 days. Interest income is accrued during this period and collected at the time each loan is sold. Fee income for each loan sold is collected when the loan is sold and no costs are deferred due to the term between each loan funding and related payoff is typically less than 30 days.

Based on the agreements with each mortgage company, at any time a mortgage company can repurchase from Horizon their outstanding loan balance on an individual mortgage and regain possession of the original note. Horizon also has the option to request that the mortgage company repurchase an individual mortgage. Should this occur, Horizon would return the original note and reassign the assignment of the mortgage to the mortgage company. Also, in the event that the end investor would not be able to honor the sales commitment and the mortgage company would not be able to repurchase its loan on an individual mortgage, Horizon would be able to exercise its rights under the agreement.

Allowance and Provision for Loan Losses/Critical Accounting Policy

At December 31, 2008, the allowance for loan losses was $11.410 million, or 1.29% of total loans outstanding, compared to $9.791 million, or 1.10% at December 31, 2007. During 2008, the provision for loan losses totaled $7.568 million compared to $3.068 million in 2007.

Horizon assesses the adequacy of its Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (ALLL) by regularly reviewing the performance of all of its loan portfolios. As a result of its quarterly reviews, a provision for loan losses is determined to bring the total ALLL to a level called for by the analysis. For the year 2008, the provision of $7.6 million is more than double the prior year. This increase is primarily due to the deterioration of loan quality in all segments of the portfolio except the mortgage warehouse area. At December 31, 2008, Horizon s non-performing loans of approximately $7.9 million or .89% of total loans represents an increase from the end of the prior year when non-performing loans totaled $2.9 million or .33% of total loans. Horizon s non-performing loan statistics, while having increased from the prior year, still compare favorably to

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National1 and State of Indiana2 peer group bank averages for the same ratio as of September 30, 2008 of 1.99% and 1.87 %, respectively. As a result of the deterioration in the loan portfolio, Horizon has adjusted the historical ratios used to determine the ALLL to reflect these recent trends. Also, loans with specific reserves increased from the prior year-end.

Despite the increased allowance, no assurance can be given that Horizon will not, in any particular period, sustain loan losses that are significant in relation to the amount reserved, or that subsequent evaluations of the loan portfolio, in light of factors then prevailing, including economic conditions and management s ongoing quarterly assessments of the portfolio, will not require increases in the allowance for loan losses. Horizon considers the allowance for loan losses to be adequate to cover losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of December 31, 2008.

Non-performing Loans

Non-performing loans are defined as loans that are greater than 90 days delinquent or have had the accrual of interest discontinued by management. Management continues to work diligently toward returning non-performing loans to an earning asset basis. Non-performing loans for the previous three years ending December 31 are as follows:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**
Non-performing loans	$7,864	$2,949	$2,625

Non-performing loans total 69% of the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2008, compared to 31% and 30% of the allowance for loan losses on December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

A loan becomes impaired when, based on current information, it is probable that a creditor will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. When a loan is classified as impaired, the degree of impairment must be recognized by estimating future cash flows from the debtor. The present value of these cash flows is computed at a discount rate based on the interest rate contained in the loan agreement. However, if a particular loan has a determinable market value, the creditor may use that value. Also, if the loan is secured and considered collateral dependent, the creditor may use the fair value of the collateral. (See Note-4 of the audited financial statements for further discussion of impaired loans)

(1) National peer group: Consists of all insured commercial banks having assets between $1 Billion and $3 Billion as reported by the Uniform Bank Performance Report as of September 30, 2008

(2) Indiana peer group: Consists of 22 publicly traded banks all head quartered in the State of Indiana as

reported by the
Uniform Bank
Performance
Reports as of
September 30,
2008.

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Smaller-balance, homogeneous loans are evaluated for impairment in total. Such loans include residential first mortgage loans secured by 1 4 family residences, residential construction loans, automobile, home equity, second mortgage loans and mortgage warehouse loans. Commercial loans and mortgage loans secured by other properties are evaluated individually for impairment. When analysis of borrower operating results and financial condition indicate that underlying cash flows of a borrower s business are not adequate to meet its debt service requirements, the loan is evaluated for impairment. Often this is associated with a delay or shortfall in payments of 30 days or more. Loans are generally moved to non-accrual status when 90 days or more past due. These loans are often considered impaired. Impaired loans, or portions thereof, are charged off when deemed uncollectible.
Other real estate owned (OREO) net of any related allowance for OREO losses for the previous three years ending December 31 are as follows:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**
Other real estate owned	$2,772	$238	$75

Deferred Tax Asset
Horizon had a deferred tax asset at December 31, 2008 and 2007 totaling $2.58 million and $2.40 million respectively. The following table shows the major components of deferred tax:

December 31	**2008**	**2007**
Assets		
Allowance for loan losses	$ 4,516	$ 3,944
Director and employee benefits	1,133	829
Total assets	5,649	4,773
Liabilities		
Depreciation	(1,146)	(899)
Difference in expense recognition	(130)	(111)
Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends	(319)	(326)
Difference in basis of intangible assets	(685)	(826)
Difference in basis of assets	(91)	
Unrealized gain on securities available for sale	(338)	(34)
Other	(360)	(178)
Total liabilities	(3,069)	(2,374)
Net deferred tax asset	$ 2,580	$ 2,399

Horizon anticipates continued earnings and therefore feels there is no impairment to this asset.

Deposits

The primary source of funds for the Bank comes from the acceptance of demand and time deposits. However, at times the Bank will use its ability to borrow funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank and other sources when it can do so at interest rates and terms that are superior to those required for deposited funds or loan demand is greater than the ability to grow deposits. Total deposits were $841.169 million at December 31, 2008, compared to $893.664 million at December 31, 2007, or a decrease of 5.9%. Average deposits and rates by category for the pervious three years ended December 31 are as follows:

	Average Balance Outstanding for the Year Ended December 31			Average Rate Paid for the Year Ended December 31		
(dollar amounts in thousands)	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	$ 77,600	$ 76,530	$ 78,654			
Interest-bearing demand deposits	234,527	202,453	178,773	1.36%	2.73%	2.33%
Savings deposits	31,182	31,431	34,637	.29	.28	.28
Money market	95,483	112,266	139,177	1.56	3.30	3.28
Time deposits	372,677	402,287	387,365	3.96	4.75	4.37
Total deposits	$811,469	$824,967	$818,606			

Horizon continually revises and enhances its interest-bearing consumer and commercial demand deposit products based on local market conditions and its need for funding to support various types of assets. These product changes caused the changes in the average balances and rates paid as displayed in the table above.

Certificates of deposit of $100,000 or more, which are considered to be rate sensitive and are not considered a part of core deposits, mature as follows as of December 31, 2008:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	
Due in three months or less	$16,942
Due after three months through six months	14,503
Due after six months through one year	35,083
Due after one year	78,358

Interest expense on time certificates of $100,000 or more was approximately $3.909 million, $5.134 million and $5.533 million for 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2008, Horizon does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on the Company s financial condition, change in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that are material to investors. The term off-balance sheet arrangement generally means any transaction, agreement, or other contractual arrangement to which an entity unconsolidated with the Company is a party under which the Company has (i) any obligation arising under a guarantee contract, derivative instrument or variable interest; or (ii) a retained or contingent interest in assets transferred to such entity or similar arrangement that serves as credit, liquidity or market risk support for such assets.

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Contractual Obligations

The following tables summarize Horizon s contractual obligations and other commitments to make payment as of December 31, 2008:

(dollar amounts in thousands)	Total	Within One Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	After Five Years
Deposits	$841,169	$674,238	$146,247	$18,139	$ 2,545
Borrowings [1]	324,383	162,577	95,991	45,569	20,246
Subordinated debentures [2]	27,837				27,837

(1) Includes debt obligations to the Federal Home Loan Bank and term repurchase agreements with maturities beyond one year borrowed by Horizon s banking subsidiary. See Note 8 in Horizon s Consolidated Financial Statements.

(2) Includes Trust Preferred Capital Securities issued by Horizon Statutory Trusts II and III and those assumed in the acquisition of Alliance. See Note 11 in Horizon s Consolidated Financial Statements.

Expiration by Period

	Within One Year	Greater Than One Year
Letters of credit	$ 1,183	$ 494
Unfunded loan commitments	122,467	58,250

Capital Resources

The capital resources of Horizon and the Bank exceed regulatory capital ratios for well capitalized banks at December 31, 2008. Stockholders equity totaled $103.350 million as of December 31, 2008, compared to $70.645 million as of December 31, 2007. At year-end 2008, the ratio of stockholders equity to assets was 7.91% compared to 5.61% for 2007. Tangible equity to tangible assets was 7.37% at December 31, 2008 compared to 5.02% at December 31, 2007. Book value per common share at December 31, 2008 increased to $24.41 compared to $22.03 at December 31, 2007. Horizon s capital increased during the year 2007 as a result of increased earnings, net of dividends declared, exercise of stock options net of tax, improvement in unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale, the amortization of unearned compensation and the issuance of perpetual preferred stock.

In December of 2008, Horizon received an investment of $25 million through participation in the U.S. Department of Treasury s (Treasury) Capital Purchase Program. Under the program, the Treasury acquired 25,000 Series A shares of Horizon s Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock that will pay a 5% per annum dividend for the first five years of the investment (which will total $1,250,000 a year) and 9% per annum thereafter (which will total $2,250,000 a year) unless Horizon redeems the shares. The preferred shares qualify as Tier I capital and are callable by Horizon after three years. As part of its investment, the Treasury also received a warrant to purchase 212,104 shares of common stock of Horizon, with an exercise price of $17.68 per share. The warrant is expected to give the Treasury the opportunity to benefit from an increase in the common stock price of the company. At December 31, 2008, the ratio of stockholders equity to total assets was 7.91% compared to 5.61% at December 31, 2007.

Horizon declared dividends in the amount of $.66 per share in 2008, and $.59 per share in 2007 and $.56 per share in 2006. The dividend payout ratio (dividends as a percent of net income) was 23.9% for 2008, 23.5% for 2007 and 24.2% for 2006. For additional information regarding dividend conditions, see Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

In October of 2004, Horizon formed Horizon Statutory Trust II (Trust II), a wholly owned statutory business trust. Trust II issued $10.310 million of Trust Preferred Capital Securities as a participant in a pooled trust preferred securities offering. The proceeds from the sale of the trust preferred securities were used by the trust to purchase an equivalent amount of subordinated debentures from Horizon. The junior subordinated debentures are the sole assets of Trust II and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Horizon. The junior subordinated debentures and the trust preferred securities pay interest and dividends, respectively, on a quarterly basis. The junior subordinated debentures and the securities bear interest at a rate of 90 day LIBOR plus 1.95% and mature on October 21, 2034, and are non-callable for five years from the issue date. After that period, the securities may be called at any quarterly interest payment date at par. Costs associated with the issuance of the securities totaling $17,500 were capitalized and are being amortized to the first call date of the securities.

In December of 2006, Horizon formed Horizon Bancorp Capital Trust III (Trust III), a wholly owned statutory business trust. Trust III issued $12.372 million of Trust Preferred Capital Securities as a participant in a pooled trust preferred securities offering. The proceeds from the sale of the trust preferred securities were used by the trust to purchase an equivalent amount of subordinated debentures from Horizon. The junior subordinated debentures are the sole assets of Trust III and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Horizon. The junior subordinated debentures and the trust preferred securities pay interest and dividends, respectively, on a quarterly basis. The junior subordinated debentures and the securities bear interest at a rate of 90 day LIBOR plus 1.65% and mature on January 30, 2037, and are non-callable for five years from the issue date. After that period, the securities may be called at any quarterly interest payment date at par. Costs associated with the issuance of the securities totaling $12,647 were capitalized and are being amortized to the first call date of the securities. The proceeds of this issue were used to redeem the securities issued by Trust I on March 26, 2007.

The Company assumed additional debentures as the result of the acquisition of Alliance in 2005. In June 2004, Alliance formed Alliance Financial Statutory Trust I a wholly owned business trust (Alliance Trust) to sell $5.155 million in trust preferred securities. The proceeds from the sale of the trust preferred securities were used by the trust to purchase an equivalent amount of subordinated debentures from Alliance. The junior subordinated debentures are the sole assets of Alliance Trust and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Horizon. The junior subordinated debentures and the trust preferred securities pay interest and dividends, respectively, on a quarterly basis. The junior subordinated debentures and the securities bear interest at a rate of 90-day LIBOR plus 2.65%, mature in June 2034, and are non-callable for five years from the issue date. After that period, the securities may be called at any quarterly interest payment date at par.

The Trust Preferred Capital Securities, subject to certain limitations, are included in Tier 1 Capital for regulatory purposes. Dividends on the Trust Preferred Capital Securities are recorded as interest expense.

Results of Operations

Net Income

Consolidated net income was $8.972 million or $2.75 per diluted share in 2008, $8.140 million or $2.51 per diluted share in 2007 and $7.484 million or $2.33 per share in 2006.

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Net Interest Income

The primary source of earnings for Horizon is net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between what Horizon has earned on assets it has invested and the interest paid on deposits and other funding sources. The net interest margin is net interest income expressed as a percentage of average earning assets. Horizon s earning assets consist of loans, investment securities and interest-bearing balances in banks.

	2008			2007			2006		
(dollar amounts in thousands)	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate
Assets									
Interest-bearing assets									
Loans total (1) (3)	$ 848,278	$ 57,801	6.81%	$ 853,314	$ 63,619	7.45%	$ 785,448	$ 57,282	7.29%
Taxable investment securities, including FRB and FHLB stock	174,705	8,510	4.87	169,295	8,121	4.80	190,670	8,348	4.38
Nontaxable investment securities (2)	79,873	3,323	4.16	74,222	3,061	4.12	65,773	2,796	4.25
Interest-bearing balances and money market investments (4)	6,430	158	2.46	2,602	125	4.80	4,469	153	3.42
Federal funds sold	16,151	443	2.74	2,854	142	4.97	1,890	101	5.34
Total interest-earning assets	1,125,437	70,235	6.24	1,102,287	75,068	6.81	1,048,250	68,680	6.55
Noninterest-earning assets									
Cash and due from banks	18,287			20,312			21,525		
Allowance for loan losses	(9,930)			(8,680)			(8,723)		
Other assets	69,769			66,481			57,053		
Total assets	$ 1,203,563			$ 1,180,400			$ 1,118,105		
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity									
Interest-bearing liabilities									
Savings deposits	$ 31,181	90	.29%	$ 31,431	88	.28%	$ 34,637	96	.28%
Money market	95,483	1,486	1.56	112,266	3,701	3.30	139,177	4,559	3.28
Interest-bearing demand deposits	234,527	3,190	1.36	202,453	5,531	2.73	178,773	4,164	2.33
Time deposits	372,677	14,770	3.96	402,287	19,122	4.75	387,365	16,915	4.37
Borrowings	280,766	11,772	4.19	251,740	11,505	4.57	207,530	9,135	4.40
Subordinated debentures	27,837								