

Table 3

Performance Ratio Means for Thriving Versus Surviving Banks

Attribute	Thriving banks (N = 702)	Surviving banks (N = 4,525)
ROA	1.5%	0.8%
ROE	12.7	7.3
Loan losses/Total loans	0.1	0.5
Provision expense/Average assets	0.1	0.4
Efficiency ratio	61.1	71.8
NIM	3.7	3.7
NNIM	1.9	2.3

NOTE: Data are for U.S. community banks with less than \$10 billion in assets. All differences are statistically significant at the 1 percent level. NIM, net interest margin; NNIM, net non-interest margin; ROA, return on assets; ROE, return on equity.