# CUNA California MEMBERSHIP BENEEITS <br> REPORT 9 



## California

## The Benefits of Membership

Credit unions generally provide financial benefits to members through lower loan rates, high savings rates, and fewer fees than banking institutions.

The Credit Union National Association (CUNA) estimates that California credit unions provided $\$ 1,282,635,083$ in direct financial benefits to the state's $13,042,886$ members during the twelve months ending September 2022.

These benefits are equivalent to $\$ 98$ per member or $\$ 207$ per member household (1).
Estimated total benefits of credit union membership are calculated by accounting for differences in credit union and bank pricing. Specifically, average credit union savings account yields, loan interest rates and fees are compared to average bank savings account yields, loan interest rates and fees. The interest rate differences are then applied to respective average credit union loan and savings balances. Fee differences are weighted and applied to credit union non-interest income to obtain the total estimated benefits arising from fees.

The per-member and per-household benefits delivered by Califomia credit unions are substantial, but these benefits are averages. Mathematically, that means the total benefits provided are divided across all members (or all member households) - even those who conduct very little financial business with Califomia credit unions.

Consider this:
Financing a $\$ 25,000$ new automobile for 60 months at a California credit union will save members an average $\$ 166$ per year in interest expense compared to what they would pay at a banking institution in the state.

Further, loyal members - those who use the credit union extensively - often receive total financial benefits that are much greater than the average.

California credit unions excel in providing member benefits on many loan and savings products. In particular, Califomia credit unions offer lower average loan rates on the following accounts: new car loans, used car loans, personal unsecured loans, first mortgage-fixed rate, first mortgage-adjustable rate, credit cards loans.

California credit unions also pay members higher average dividends on the following accounts: regular savings, share draft checking, money marke $\dagger$ accounts, certificate accounts, IRAs.

Source: Datatrac, NCUA, and CUNA.
(1)Assumes 2.1 credit union members per household.

## Loan Product Comparative Interest Rates (\%)



## Savings Product Comparative Interest Rates (\%)

## by Savings Account Type



## Comparative Fees

by Type


## California <br> Credit Union and Banking Institution <br> September 2022 Average Interest Rates and Fees

|  | Average Rate at <br> Credit Unions (\%) | Average Rate <br> at Banks (\%) | Rate Difference <br> vs. Banks (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loan Products | 3.73 | 4.95 | -1.22 |
| 60-month new car (A paper) | 3.79 | 5.13 | -1.34 |
| 48-month used car (A paper) | 9.19 | 10.89 | -1.70 |
| Unsecured loan (A paper) | 4.98 | 5.09 | -0.12 |
| 5-year adjustable rate 1st mortgage, 0 pts | 5.68 | 5.60 | 0.08 |
| 15-year fixed rate 1st mortgage, 0 pts | 6.23 | 6.25 | -0.02 |
| 30-year fixed rate 1st mortgage, 0 pts | 5.86 | 5.56 | 0.30 |
| Home equity / 2nd mtg, 80\% LTV 0 pts | 10.60 | 14.93 | -4.32 |
| Credit card - rewards | 11.97 | 15.91 | -3.95 |
| Credit card - platinum |  |  |  |
| Savings Products | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| Regular savings, $\$ 1,000$ balance | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Share draft checking, $\$ 5,000$ balance | 0.25 | 0.11 | 0.14 |
| Money market accounts | 1.06 | 0.66 | 0.40 |
| 1 Year certificate $\$ 10,000$ balance | 0.65 | 0.38 | 0.27 |
| Retirement (IRA) accounts |  |  | $\$ 29.71$ |
| Fee Income | $\$ 28.23$ | $\$ 34.18$ | $-\$ 1.48$ |
| Share draft checking, NSF fee | $\$ 24.56$ | $\$ 1,361.00$ | $-\$ 9.62$ |
| Credit cards, late fee | $\$ 1,151.00$ |  | $-\$ 210.00$ |
| Mortgages, closing costs |  |  |  |
| Source: Datatrac |  |  |  |

## Estimated Credit Union Loan Benefits

## Compared to State Banking Institutions by Loan Type



## Estimated Credił Union Savings Dividend Benefits

## Compared to State Banking Institutions by Account Type



## Estimated Financial Benefits for California Credit Unions September 2022



## Source: Datatrac, NCUA, and CUNA

(1) Average balance as of September 2022 and September 2021, according to the NCUA call report.; (2) Source for rates: Datatrac;

