UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 26, 2023

Ponce Financial Group, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-41255 (Commission File Number) 87-1893965 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2244 Westchester Avenue Bronx, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10462 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: 718 931-9000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

	Trading	
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	PDLB	The Nasdaq Global Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 26, 2023, Ponce Financial Group, Inc., the holding company for Ponce Bank (the "Bank"), issued a press release announcing its financial results with respect to its first quarter ended March 31, 2023. The Company's press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information set forth in this Item 2.02 and in the attached Exhibit 99.1 is deemed to be "furnished" and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated April 26, 2023
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Ponce Financial Group, Inc.

Date: April 26, 2023

By: /s/ Carlos P. Naudon

Carlos P. Naudon President and Chief Executive Officer

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2023 Results

NEW YORK, April 26, 2023 - Ponce Financial Group, Inc., (the "Company") (NASDAQ: PDLB), the holding company for Ponce Bank (the "Bank"), today announced results for the first quarter of 2023.

First Quarter 2023 Highlights (Compared to Prior Periods):

- Net income of \$0.3 million or \$0.01 per diluted share, for the three months ended March 31, 2023, as compared to net loss of (\$9.2) million, or (\$0.40) per diluted share for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and net loss of (\$6.8) million, or (\$0.31) per diluted share for the three months ended March 31, 2022.
- Included in the \$0.3 million of net income for the first quarter of 2023 results is \$15.2 million in net interest income and \$1.8 million in noninterest income, offset by a \$16.4 million in non-interest expense.
- Net interest income of \$15.2 million for the first quarter of 2023 decreased \$0.9 million, or 5.70%, from the prior quarter and \$2.1 million, or 12.07%, from the same quarter last year, largely due to an increase in funding costs driven by the significant increase in interest rates during the quarter.
- Net interest margin was 2.75% for the first quarter of 2023, a decrease from 2.98% for the prior quarter and from 4.68% for the same quarter last year.
- Cash and equivalents were \$184.7 million as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$130.3 million, or 239.75%, from December 31,2022 as we were able to take advantage of borrowing rates below what we collect on our interest bearing overnight deposit with banks.
- Securities totaled \$620.0 million as of March 31, 2023, a decrease of \$20.4 million, or 3.18%, from December 31, 2022 due to a call on one of the securities and changes in principal.
- Net loans receivable were \$1.61 billion as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$121.3 million, or 8.12%, from December 31, 2022.
- Deposits were \$1.34 billion as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$84.5 million, or 6.74%, from December 31, 2022.

President and Chief Executive Officer's Comments

Carlos P. Naudon, Ponce Financial Group's President and CEO, stated "Although the U.S. economy continues to show strength, we saw plenty of volatility as well as a continuation of rate increases during the quarter. Despite that backdrop we were able to grow our loan and deposit base while keeping plenty of liquidity available – our liquid assets (cash and equivalents plus unpledged securities) stand at \$573 million, almost double the level of our uninsured deposits of approximately \$317 million. Our capital levels continue to be industry leading and multiples of regulatory requirements. We were also able to regain profitability and grow our book value per share. During the quarter we implemented Current Expected Credit Losses ("CECL") which slightly reduced our allowance for credit losses but increased our reserve for contingent exposures (which are booked as operating expenses). On the quarterly provision, we booked a net recovery as the \$1.5 million charge due to loan increases and the \$0.1 million related to the investment portfolio, offset by recoveries on the micro consumer loan portfolio of \$1.8 million as the portfolio paid off significantly during the quarter. We also booked \$0.9 million in recoveries related to the micro consumer loan receivable given our cash collections during the quarter.

"While we continue to prepare for different scenarios and it's reasonable to expect further volatility, we remain committed to invest in our people and in technology to make us more efficient. Our commitment is also to the communities we serve and to our MDI/CDFI status – as an example, we announced on April 17, 2023 that we were awarded a grant of \$3.7 million from the U.S. Treasury as part of the CDFI Equitable Recovery Program."

Executive Chairman's Comment

Steven A. Tsavaris, Ponce Financial Group's Executive Chairman added "Despite a challenging environment, we were able to organically add over \$140 million to our real estate loan portfolio across most categories during the quarter while reducing our exposure related to consumer micro loans. We achieved this growth, without sacrificing quality - we will never choose loan growth over safe and sound underwriting practices. Our prudence has served us well over the years and it will continue to do so for years to come."

Selected performance metrics are as follows (refer to "Key Metrics" for additional information):

	At or for the Three Months Ended									
Performance Ratios (Annualized):	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022					
Return on average assets (1)	0.06 %	(1.62%)	(2.80%)	0.17 %	(1.55%)					
Return on average equity (1)	0.27 %	(7.28%)	(11.25%)	1.01 %	(10.06 %)					
Net interest rate spread (1) (2)	1.79 %	2.14 %	3.12 %	3.86 %	4.48 %					
Net interest margin (1) (3)	2.75 %	2.98 %	3.62 %	4.10 %	4.68 %					
Non-interest expense to average assets (1)	2.79 %	2.78 %	4.83 %	3.73 %	6.39 %					
Efficiency ratio (4)	95.88 %	94.95 %	132.46 %	93.77 %	143.50 %					
Average interest-earning assets to average interest- bearing liabilities	147.75 %	151.73 %	161.30%	151.98 %	145.54 %					
Average equity to average assets	20.91 %	22.32 %	24.90 %	17.32 %	15.76 %					

	At or for the Three Months Ended									
	March 31,	December 31,	September 30,	June 30,	March 31,					
Capital Ratios (Annualized):	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022					
Total capital to risk weighted assets (Bank only)	27.54 %	30.53 %	33.39 %	36.00 %	23.27 %					
Tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets (Bank only)	26.28 %	29.26 %	32.13 %	34.75 %	22.02 %					
Common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets (Bank only)	26.28 %	29.26 %	32.13 %	34.75 %	22.02 %					
Tier 1 capital to average assets (Bank only)	19.51 %	20.47 %	22.91 %	28.79 %	14.88 %					

	At or for the Three Months Ended								
Asset Quality Ratios (Annualized):	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022				
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans	1.77 %	2.27 %	1.77 %	1.31 %	1.28 %				
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of nonperforming loans	149.73 %	252.33 %	118.43 %	94.05 %	106.84 %				
Net (charge-offs) recoveries to average outstanding loans (1)	(0.57%)	(0.85 %)	(0.52 %)	(0.05 %)	(0.22%)				
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total gross loans	1.18%	0.90 %	1.50 %	1.39 %	1.20 %				
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total assets	0.76 %	0.59 %	0.97 %	0.90 %	0.97 %				
Total non-performing assets as a percentage of total assets	0.76 %	0.59 %	0.97 %	0.90 %	0.97 %				
Total non-performing assets and accruing troubled debt restructured loans as a percentage of total assets	0.93 %	0.78 %	1.16 %	1.14 %	1.30 %				

(1) Annualized where appropriate.

(2) Net interest rate spread represents the difference between the weighted average yield on interest-earning assets and the weighted average rate of interest-bearing liabilities.

(3) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.

(4) Efficiency ratio represents noninterest expense divided by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income.

Summary of Results of Operations

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2023, was \$0.3 million compared to a net loss of (\$9.2) million for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and net loss of (\$6.8) million for the three months ended March 31, 2022. The increase of net income for the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2022 was attributed mainly to Grain Technology, Inc. ("Grain")'s net provision recovery this quarter versus a large Grain-related provision charge the prior quarter. The increase of net income for the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022 was largely due to charges related to Grain and a contribution to the Ponce De Leon Foundation in the first quarter of 2022.

Net Interest Income and Net Margin

Net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2023, was \$15.2 million compared to \$16.2 million for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and \$17.3 million for the three months end March 31, 2022. This decrease is largely explained by increases in interest expenses due to higher interest rates, offset by increases in interest and dividend income.

Net interest margin was 2.75% for the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to 2.98% for the prior quarter, a decrease of 23bps and 4.68% for the same period last year, a decrease of 193bps. The decrease in net interest margin was a result of an increase in the cost of funds driven by higher interest rates.

Non-interest Income

Non-interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2023, was \$1.8 million, an increase of \$1.4 million, or 316.25%, compared to the three months ended December 31, 2022 and a decrease of \$0.4 million, or 18.28%, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022.

The \$1.4 million increase in non-interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2022 was impacted by the reversal of loan origination income that had been taken upfront (as opposed to deferred) last quarter and increases in late and prepayment charges and other non-interest income this quarter.

The \$0.4 million decrease in non-interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022 was attributable to decreases of \$0.6 million in loan origination fees, \$0.3 million in income on sale of mortgage loans and \$0.3 million in brokerage commission, partially offset by increases of \$0.7 million in late and prepayment charges and \$0.1 million in other non-interest income.

Non-interest Expense

Non-interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2023, was \$16.4 million, an increase of \$0.6 million, or 3.78%, compared to the three months ended December 31, 2022 and a decrease of \$11.7 million, or 41.72%, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022.

The \$0.6 million increase from the three months ended December 31, 2022 was mainly attributable to increases of \$1.4 million in provision for contingencies (mostly due to CECL implementation) and \$0.9 million in compensation and benefits expense, offset by decreases of \$0.8 million in other expenses, \$0.4 million in Grain recoveries and \$0.4 million in occupancy and equipment.

The \$11.7 million decrease from the three months ended March 31, 2022 was attributable to a \$9.0 million decrease in Grain write-off and write-down, as well as a \$5.0 million contribution to the Ponce De Leon Foundation last year, partially offset by a higher provision for contingencies of \$1.0 million (due to higher volumes and CECL implementation).

Balance Sheet Summary

Total assets increased \$227.5 million, or 9.84%, to \$2.54 billion as of March 31, 2023 from \$2.31 billion as of December 31, 2022. The increase in total assets is largely attributable to increases of \$130.3 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$121.3 million in net loans receivable (inclusive of a \$16.5 million net decrease in PPP loans) and \$1.8 million in other assets, offset by decreases of \$19.2 million in held-to-maturity securities and \$5.5 million in Federal Home Loan Bank of New York stock.

Total liabilities increased \$224.2 million, or 12.32%, to \$2.04 billion as of March 31, 2023 from \$1.82 billion as of December 31, 2022. The increase in total liabilities was largely attributable to increases of \$131.0 million in borrowings and \$84.5 million in deposits.

Total stockholders' equity increased \$3.3 million, or 0.68%, to \$496.0 million as of March 31, 2023, from \$492.7 million as of December 31, 2022. This increase in stockholders' equity was largely attributable to \$1.2 million in other comprehensive income related to improved valuation of securities, \$1.1 million as a result of implementation of CECL, \$0.4 million in share-based compensation, \$0.3 million in net income and \$0.3 million in ESOP.

About Ponce Financial Group, Inc.

Ponce Financial Group, Inc., as the successor by merger with PDL Community Bancorp, is the holding company for Ponce Bank. Ponce Bank is a Minority Depository Institution, a Community Development Financial Institution, and a certified Small Business Administration lender. Ponce Bank's business primarily consists of taking deposits from the general public and to a lesser extent alternative funding sources and investing those funds, together with funds generated from operations and borrowings, in mortgage loans, consisting of 1-4 family residences (investor-owned and owner-occupied), multifamily residences, nonresidential properties, construction and land, and, to a lesser extent, in business and consumer loans. Ponce Bank also invests in securities, which consist of U.S. Government and federal agency securities and securities issued by government-sponsored or government-owned enterprises, as well as, mortgage-backed securities, corporate bonds and obligations, and Federal Home Loan Bank stock.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements herein constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act and are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements may be identified by words such as "believes," "will," "would," "expects," "project," "may," "could," "developments," "strategic," "launching," "opportunities," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "targets" and similar expressions. These statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those set forth in the forwardlooking statements as a result of numerous factors. Factors that could cause such differences to exist include, but are not limited to, adverse conditions in the capital and debt markets and the impact of such conditions on business activities; changes in interest rates; competitive pressures from other financial institutions; the effects of general economic conditions on a national basis or in the local markets in which Ponce Bank operates, including changes that adversely affect borrowers' ability to service and repay Ponce Bank's loans; anticipated losses with respect to the Company's investment in Grain; changes in the value of securities in the investment portfolio; changes in loan default and charge-off rates; fluctuations in real estate values; the adequacy of loan loss reserves; decreases in deposit levels necessitating increased borrowing to fund loans and investments; operational risks including, but not limited to, cybersecurity, fraud and natural disasters; changes in government regulation; changes in accounting standards and practices; the risk that intangibles recorded in the financial statements will become impaired; demand for loans in Ponce Bank's market area; Ponce Bank's ability to attract and maintain deposits; risks related to the implementation of acquisitions, dispositions, and restructurings; the risk that Ponce Financial Group, Inc. may not be successful in the implementation of its business strategy; changes in assumptions used in making such forward-looking statements and the risk factors described in Ponce Financial Group, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which are available at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forwardlooking statements, which speak only as of the date of this release. Ponce Financial Group, Inc. disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, future events or other changes, except as may be required by applicable law or regulation.

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (Dollars in thousands, except for share data)

	As of								
	N	/arch 31, 2023	De	cember 31, 2022	Se	ptember 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	Ν	March 31, 2022
ASSETS									
Cash and due from banks:									
Cash	\$	83,670	\$	34,074	\$	37,235	\$ 53,544	\$	32,168
Interest-bearing deposits in banks		101,017		20,286		25,286	221,262		37,127
Total cash and cash equivalents		184,687		54,360		62,521	274,806		69,295
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value		128,320		129,505		131,977	140,044		154,799
Held-to-maturity securities, at amortized cost ⁽¹⁾		491,649		510,820		494,297	211,517		927
Placement with banks		1,245		1,494		2,490	2,490		2,490
Mortgage loans held for sale, at fair value		2,987		1,979		3,357	9,234		7,972
Loans receivable, net		1,614,428		1,493,127		1,392,553	1,324,320		1,300,446
Accrued interest receivable		15,435		15,049		14,063	13,255		12,799
Premises and equipment, net		17,215		17,446		17,759	18,945		19,279
Right of use assets		33,147		33,423		34,121	34,416		35,179
Federal Home Loan Bank of New York stock (FHLBNY), at									
cost		19,209		24,661		14,272	16,429		5,420
Deferred tax assets		15,413		16,137		13,822	9,658		7,440
Other assets		15,799		13,988		11,170	21,585		13,730
Total assets	\$	2,539,534	\$	2,311,989	\$	2,192,402	\$ 2,076,699	\$	1,629,776
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							 		
Liabilities:									
Deposits	\$	1,336,877	\$	1,252,412	\$	1,351,189	\$ 1,148,728	\$	1,181,165
Operating lease liabilities		34,308		34,532		35.081	35,217		35,821
Accrued interest payable		1,767		1,390		854	158		223
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance		14,902		9,724		10,589	8,668		10,161
Borrowings		648,375		517,375		286,375	334,375		93,375
Warehouse lines of credit									753
Other liabilities		7,264		3,856		7,631	31,471		8,699
Total liabilities		2,043,493		1,819,289		1,691,719	 1,558,617		1,330,197
Commitments and contingencies		_,,.		-,,,		-,,	 -,,		-,,-,-,-,
Stockholders' Equity:									
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares									
authorized		225,000		225,000		225,000	225,000		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 200,000,000 shares		- ,		- ,		-,	- ,		
authorized		249		249		247	247		247
Treasury stock, at cost		(2)		(2)		_	_		_
Additional paid-in-capital		206,883		206,508		206,092	205,669		205,243
Retained earnings		94,399		92,955		102,169	116,907		116,136
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(16,629)		(17,860)		(18,420)	(15,032)		(7,035)
Unearned compensation – ESOP		(13,859)		(14,150)		(14,405)	(14,709)		(15,012)
Total stockholders' equity		496,041		492,700		500,683	 518,082		299,579
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	2,539,534	\$	2,311,989	\$	2,192,402	\$ 2,076,699	\$	1,629,776

(1) Included for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2023 was \$0.8 million related to the allowance for credit loss on held-to-maturity securities.



Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

			Three Months Ended								
	Μ	arch 31, 2023	D	ecember 31, 2022	S	eptember 30, 2022		June 30, 2022		March 31, 2022	
Interest and dividend income:											
Interest on loans receivable	\$	19,700	\$	18,550	\$	17,058	\$	16,057	\$	18,200	
Interest on deposits due from banks		197		199		346		132		36	
Interest and dividend on securities and FHLBNY stock		6,459		6,184		4,230		978		782	
Total interest and dividend income		26,356		24,933		21,634		17,167		19,018	
Interest expense:											
Interest on certificates of deposit		1,871		1,310		687		677		803	
Interest on other deposits		4,166		4,125		1,543		521		284	
Interest on borrowings		5,074		3,332		1,793		481		593	
Total interest expense		11,111		8,767		4,023		1,679		1,680	
Net interest income		15,245		16,166		17,611		15,488		17,338	
(Benefit) provision for credit losses		(174)		12,641		9,330		817		1,258	
Net interest income after (benefit) provision for credit losses		15,419		3,525		8,281		14,671		16,080	
Non-interest income:											
Service charges and fees		491		481		464		445		440	
Brokerage commissions		15		180		288		214		338	
Late and prepayment charges		729		263		109		193		58	
Income on sale of mortgage loans		99		7		116		200		418	
Loan origination ⁽¹⁾		_		(557)		522		696		625	
(Loss) gain on sale of premises and equipment		_		<u> </u>		(436)					
Other		485		63		514		431		347	
Total non-interest income		1,819		437		1,577		2,179		2,226	
Non-interest expense:								<u> </u>			
Compensation and benefits		7,446		6,501		7,377		6,911		7,125	
Occupancy and equipment		3,570		3,928		3,611		3,237		3,192	
Data processing expenses		1,192		1,114		994		824		847	
Direct loan expenses		412		454		654		505		874	
Provision for contingencies		985		(440)		519		30		17	
Insurance and surety bond premiums		265		270		297		156		147	
Office supplies, telephone and postage		399		375		369		406		405	
Professional fees		1,455		1,571		1,251		1,748		1,334	
Contribution to the Ponce De Leon Foundation		_		_		_		_		4,995	
Grain (recoveries) and write-off		(914)		(515)		8,881		1,500		8,074	
Marketing and promotional expenses		128		256		214		52		71	
Directors fees and regulatory assessment		155		196		188		167		154	
Other operating expenses		1,268		2,055		1,061		1,031		839	
Total non-interest expense		16,361		15,765		25,416		16,567		28,074	
Income (loss) before income taxes		877		(11,803)		(15,558)		283		(9,768)	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		546		(2,589)		(820)		(488)		(2,948)	
Net income (loss)	\$	331	\$	(9,214)	\$	(14,738)	\$	771	\$	(6,820)	
Earnings (loss) per common share:					<u> </u>	/					
	\$	0.01	\$	(0.40)	\$	(0.64)	\$	0.03	\$	(0.31)	
Duble	\$	0.01	\$	(0.40)	\$	(0.64)	\$	0.03	\$	(0.31)	
Difuted	¢	0.01	¢	(0.40)	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.03	¢	(0.51)	
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				22 4 62 267							
Basic		23,293,013		23,168,097		23,094,859		23,056,559		21,721,113	
Diluted		23,324,532		23,168,097	_	23,094,859		23,128,911	_	21,721,113	

(1) Amounts for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2022 include the reversal of \$0.8 million of loan origination income that had been taken upfront in prior quarters of 2022 (as opposed to deferred over the life of the loan).

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

		F	led March 31,	,			
		2023		2022	V	/ariance \$	Variance %
Interest and dividend income:							
Interest on loans receivable	\$	19,700	\$	18,200	\$	1,500	8.24 %
Interest on deposits due from banks		197		36		161	447.22%
Interest and dividend on securities and FHLBNY stock		6,459		782		5,677	725.96%
Total interest and dividend income		26,356		19,018		7,338	38.58%
Interest expense:							
Interest on certificates of deposit		1,871		803		1,068	133.00 %
Interest on other deposits		4,166		284		3,882	1,366.90%
Interest on borrowings		5,074		593		4,481	755.65%
Total interest expense		11,111		1,680		9,431	561.37%
Net interest income		15,245		17,338		(2,093)	(12.07%
(Benefit) provision for credit losses		(174)		1,258		(1,432)	(113.83 %
Net interest income after (benefit) provision for credit losses		15,419		16,080		(661)	(4.11%
Non-interest income:		· · · ·	-	,		/	<u> </u>
Service charges and fees		491		440		51	11.59%
Brokerage commissions		15		338		(323)	(95.56%
Late and prepayment charges		729		58		671	1,156.90%
Income on sale of mortgage loans		99		418		(319)	(76.32%
Loan origination		_		625		(625)	(100.00%
Other		485		347		138	39.77%
Total non-interest income		1,819		2,226		(407)	(18.28%
Non-interest expense:		· · · ·		,		/	<u> </u>
Compensation and benefits		7,446		7,125		321	4.51%
Occupancy and equipment		3,570		3,192		378	11.84 %
Data processing expenses		1,192		847		345	40.73 %
Direct loan expenses		412		874		(462)	(52.86%
Provision for contingencies		985		17		968	5,694.12%
Insurance and surety bond premiums		265		147		118	80.27 %
Office supplies, telephone and postage		399		405		(6)	(1.48%
Professional fees		1,455		1,334		121	9.07%
Contribution to the Ponce De Leon Foundation				4,995		(4,995)	(100.00%
Grain (recoveries) and write-off		(914)		8,074		(8,988)	(111.32%
Marketing and promotional expenses		128		71		57	80.28%
Directors fees and regulatory assessment		155		154		1	0.65%
Other operating expenses		1,268		839		429	51.13%
Total non-interest expense		16,361		28,074		(11,713)	(41.72%
Income (loss) before income taxes		877		(9,768)		10,645	(108.98%
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		546		(2,948)		3,494	(118.52%
	\$	331	\$	(6,820)	\$	7,151	(104.85%
Net income (loss)	Ψ	551	Ψ	(0,020)	φ	7,151	(104.05 //
Earnings (loss) per common share:	¢	0.01	¢	(0.21)	¢	0.22	(104.52.0)
Basic	\$	0.01	\$	(0.31)	\$	0.33	(104.53%
Diluted	\$	0.01	\$	(0.31)	\$	0.33	(104.52%
Weighted average common shares outstanding:							
Basic	_	23,293,013		21,721,113		1,571,900	7.24 %
Diluted		23,324,532		21,721,113		1,603,419	7.38%

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Key Metrics

·	At or for the Three Months Ended									
	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022					
Performance Ratios:										
Return on average assets (1)	0.06 %	(1.62%)	(2.80%)	0.17%	(1.55%					
Return on average equity (1)	0.27 %	(7.28%)	(11.25%)	1.01 %	(10.06%					
Net interest rate spread (1) (2)	1.79%	2.14 %	3.12 %	3.86%	4.48 %					
Net interest margin (1) (3)	2.75 %	2.98 %	3.62 %	4.10%	4.68 %					
Non-interest expense to average assets (1)	2.79%	2.78 %	4.83 %	3.73 %	6.39%					
Efficiency ratio (4)	95.88%	94.95 %	132.46 %	93.77 %	143.50%					
Average interest-earning assets to average interest- bearing liabilities	147.75 %	151.73 %	161.30%	151.98%	145.54 %					
Average equity to average assets	20.91 %	22.32 %	24.90 %	17.32 %	15.76%					
Capital Ratios:										
Total capital to risk weighted assets (Bank only)	27.54%	30.53 %	33.39 %	36.00 %	23.27 %					
Tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets (Bank only)	26.28 %	29.26 %	32.13 %	34.75 %	22.02 %					
Common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets (Bank only)	26.28%	29.26 %	32.13 %	34.75 %	22.02 %					
Tier 1 capital to average assets (Bank only)	19.51 %	20.47 %	22.91 %	28.79%	14.88 %					
Asset Quality Ratios:										
Allowance for credit losses on loans as a percentage of total loans	1.77%	2.27 %	1.77 %	1.31%	1.28 %					
Allowance for credit losses on loans as a percentage of nonperforming										
loans	149.73 %	252.33 %	118.43 %	94.05 %	106.84 %					
Net (charge-offs) recoveries to average outstanding loans (1)	(0.57%)	(0.85 %)	(0.52%)	(0.05%)	(0.22 %					
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total gross loans	1.18%	0.90 %	1.50 %	1.39%	1.20 %					
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total assets	0.76%	0.59 %	0.97 %	0.90 %	0.97 %					
Total non-performing assets as a percentage of total assets	0.76%	0.59 %	0.97 %	0.90%	0.97%					
Total non-performing assets and accruing troubled debt restructured loans as a percentage of total assets	0.93 %	0.78 %	1.16%	1.14%	1.30%					
Other:										
Number of offices	19	19	19	19	19					
Number of full-time equivalent employees	251	253	257	253	223					

(1) Annualized where appropriate.

(2) Net interest rate spread represents the difference between the weighted average yield on interest-earning assets and the weighted average rate of interest-bearing liabilities.

(3) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.

(4) Efficiency ratio represents noninterest expense divided by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income.

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Securities Portfolio

		023	December 31, 2022								
	Amortized		ealized	U	Gross nrealized		Amortized	Gross Unrealiz ed		Gross Unreali zed	
	Cost	6	ains (in thou		Losses	Fair Value	Cost		<u>Gains</u> (in thous	Losses ands)	Fair Value
Available-for-Sale Securities:			(,		(
U.S. Government Bonds	\$ 2,987	\$	_	\$	(241)	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,985	\$	_	\$ (296)	\$ 2,689
Corporate Bonds	25,816				(2,639)	23,177	25,824		_	(2,46 5)	23,35 9
Mortgage-Backed Securities:											
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ⁽¹⁾	43,421		_		(6,030)	37,391	44,503			(6,72 6)	37,77 7
FHLMC Certificates	11,036				(1,490)	9,546	11,310		_	(1,67 6)	9,634
	,				(-,.,.,)	55,345	,			(11,2	55,92
FNMA Certificates	65,819				(10,474)		67,199		_	71)	8
GNMA Certificates	117		_		(2)	115	122		—	(4)	118
	\$ 149,196	\$		\$	(20,876)	\$ 128,320	\$ 151,943	\$		\$ (22,4)	\$ 129,5
Total available-for-sale securities								_		38	05
Held-to-Maturity Securities:											
U.S. Agency Bonds	\$ 25,000	\$		\$	(206)	\$ 24,794	\$ 35,000	\$		\$ (380)	34,62 \$ 0
	\$ 25,000	\$	_	Э	(206)	\$ 24,794	\$ 55,000	\$		\$ (380)	\$0 78,73
Corporate Bonds	82,500				(4,158)	78,342	82,500		57	(3,81	8
Mortgage-Backed Securities:	-)				())		- ,			- /	
										(5,55	230,1
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ⁽¹⁾	230,531		853		(2,457)	228,927	235,479		192	8)	13
FHLMC Certificates	4,008		—		(245)	3,763	4,120		—	(268)	3,852
FNMA Certificates	128,968				(3,695)	125,273	131,918		_	(5,22 7)	126,6 91
SBA Certificates	21,451		71		_	21,522	21,803		34	_	21,83 7
Total held-to-maturity securities ⁽²⁾	\$ 492,458	\$	924	\$	(10,761)	\$ 482,621	\$ 510,820	\$	283	\$ (15,2) 52	\$ 495,8 51

Comprised of Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") and Ginnie Mae ("GNMA") issued securities.
Excludes \$0.8 million related to allowance for credit losses on securities.

The following table presents the activity in the allowance for credit losses for held-to-maturity securities.

	Fo	r the Three Months	s Ended M	arch 31,
		2023		2022
Beginning balance	\$	—	\$	_
CECL adoption		662		—
Provision for credit losses		147		
Allowance for credit losses on securities	\$	809	\$	_

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Loan Portfolio

	As of											
	March 202	,		December 31, 2022		ber 30, 22	June 202	,	Marc 20	,		
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent		
					(Dollars in t							
Mortgage loans:						,						
1-4 family residential												
Investor Owned	\$ 354,559	21.60 %	\$ 343,968	22.54 %	\$ 336,667	23.79%	\$ 321,671	24.02 %	\$ 323,442	24.59 %		
Owner-Occupied	149,481	9.10%	134,878	8.84 %	112,749	7.97 %	100,048	7.47 %	95,234	7.24 %		
Multifamily residential	553,430	33.71 %	494,667	32.42 %	421,917	29.81 %	396,470	29.60 %	368,133	27.98 %		
Nonresidential properties	314,560	19.17 %	308,043	20.19 %	282,642	19.97 %	279,877	20.90 %	251,893	19.14 %		
Construction and land	235,157	14.33 %	185,018	12.13 %	197,437	13.95 %	165,425	12.35 %	144,881	11.01 %		
Total mortgage loans	1,607,18 7	97.91%	1,466,57 4	96.12 %	1,351,41 2	95.49%	1,263,49 1	94.34%	1,183,58 3	89.96 %		
Non-mortgage loans:												
Business loans (1)	19,890	1.21 %	39,965	2.62 %	41,398	2.92 %	45,720	3.41 %	100,253	7.62 %		
Consumer loans (2)	14,227	0.88 %	19,129	1.26 %	22,563	1.59 %	30,198	2.25 %	31,899	2.42 %		
Total non-mortgage loans	34,117	2.09 %	59,094	3.88 %	63,961	4.51%	75,918	5.66 %	132,152	10.04 %		
Total loans, gross	1,641,30 4	100.00 %	1,525,66 8	100.00 %	1,415,37 3	100.00%	1,339,40 9	100.00%	1,315,73 5	100.00 %		
Net deferred loan origination costs	2,099		2,051		2,288		2,446		1,604			
Allowance for credit losses on loans	(28,975)		(34,592)		(25,108)		(17,535)		(16,893)			
Loans, net	1,614,42 \$ 8		1,493,12 <u>\$7</u>		1,392,55 \$3		1,324,32 \$ 0		1,300,44 \$6			

(1) As of March 31, 2023, December 31, 2022, September 30, 2022, June 30, 2022 and March 31, 2022, business loans include \$3.6 million, \$20.0 million, \$24.7 million, \$30.8 million and \$86.0 million, respectively, of PPP loans.

(2) As of March 31, 2023, December 31, 2022, September 30, 2022, June 30, 2022 and March 31, 2022, consumer loans include \$13.4 million, \$18.2 million, \$28.3 million and \$31.0 million, respectively, of loans originated by the Bank pursuant to its arrangement with Grain.

Grain Technologies, Inc. ("Grain") Total Exposure as of March 31, 2023 (in thousands)

Receivable from Grain	
Microloans originated - put back to Grain (inception-to-March 31, 2023)	\$ 25,057
Write-downs, net of recoveries (inception-to-date as of March 31, 2023)	(16,541)
Cash receipts from Grain (inception-to-March 31, 2023)	(6,690)
Grant/reserve	(1,826)
Net receivable as of March 31, 2023	\$ _
Microloan receivables from Grain Borrowers	
Grain originated loans receivable as of March 31, 2023	\$ 13,365
Allowance for credit losses on loans as of March 31, 2023 ⁽¹⁾	(11,597)
Microloans, net of allowance for credit losses on loans as of March 31, 2023	\$ 1,768
Investments	
Investment in Grain	\$ 1,000
Investment in Grain write-off in Q3 2022	(1,000)
Investment in Grain as of March 31, 2023	_
Total exposure to Grain as of March 31, 2023	\$ 1,768

(1) Includes \$0.3 million for allowance for unused commitments on the \$2.4 million of unused commitments available to Grain originated borrowers reported in other liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Conditions. Excludes \$1.2 million of security deposits by Grain originated borrowers reported in deposits in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Conditions.

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans

			For th	he Three Months	Ende	d		
	 March 31, D 2023		ecember 31, 2022	September 30, 2022		June 30, 2022		March 31, 2022
	 			ollars in thousar	ids)			
Allowance for credit losses on loans at beginning of the period	\$ 34,592	\$	25,108	\$ 17,5	535	\$ 16,893	\$	16,352
(Benefit) provision for credit losses on loans	(321)		12,641	9,3	330	817		1,258
Adoption of CECL	(3,090)		_			_		_
Charge-offs:								
Mortgage loans:								
1-4 family residences								
Investor owned	—		_		—	—		_
Owner occupied	_		_			_		—
Multifamily residences	_		_		—	_		_
Nonresidential properties	_		_		—	_		_
Construction and land	_		_		—	_		_
Non-mortgage loans:								
Business	_		_			_		_
Consumer	(2,569)		(3,659)	(1,7	799)	(450)	,	(751)
Total charge-offs	 (2,569)		(3,659)	(1,7	799)	(450)	,	(751)
Recoveries:								
Mortgage loans:								
1-4 family residences								
Investor owned	_		_		—	156		_
Owner occupied	—		—		39	—		—
Multifamily residences	_		_			_		_
Nonresidential properties	—		—			—		—
Construction and land	_		_			_		_
Non-mortgage loans:								
Business	—		—		1	91		2
Consumer	363		502		2	28		32
Total recoveries	 363		502		42	275		34
Net (charge-offs) recoveries	(2,206)		(3,157)	(1,7	757)	(175)	,	(717)
Allowance for credit losses on loans at end of the period	\$ 28,975	\$	34,592	\$ 25,1	08	\$ 17,535	\$	16,893

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Deposits

					As o	f					
		March 31, 2023		December 31, September 30 2022 2022			June 202	,		ch 31, 22	
		Percen		Percen		Perce		Perce			
	Amount	t	Amount	t	Amount	nt	Amount	nt	Amount	Percent	
				(1	Dollars in th	iousands)					
	282,74		289,14		288,65	21.3	284,46	24.7	281,13		
Demand	<u>\$1</u>	21.15%	\$ 9	23.08%	\$ 4	7%	\$ 2	7%	\$ 2	23.81 %	
Interest-bearing deposits:											
NOW/IOLA accounts	21,735	1.63 %	24,349	1.94 %	28,799	2.13 %	28,597	2.49%	33,010	2.79%	
	408,40		317,81		360,29	26.6	181,15	15.7	169,84		
Money market accounts	4	30.55 %	5	25.38%	3	6%	6	7 %	7	14.38%	
	109,64		114,04		162,85	12.0	151,26	13.1	160,51		
Reciprocal deposits	9	8.20%	9	9.11%		5%		7 %	0	13.59%	
	127,73		130,43		140,05	10.3	139,24	12.1	133,96		
Savings accounts	1	9.55%	2	10.41 %	5	7%	4	2%	6	11.34 %	
Total NOW, money market, reciprocal	667,51		586,64		692,00	51.2	500,26	43.5	497,33		
and savings accounts	9	49.93 %	5	46.84 %	5	1%	1	5%	3	42.10%	
Certificates of deposit of \$250K or more	76,893	5.75 %	70,113	5.60%	61,900	4.58%	65,157	5.67%	75,130	6.36%	
Brokered certificates of deposit ⁽¹⁾	98,754	7.39%	98,754	7.89%	98,760	7.31%	62,650	5.45 %	79,282	6.71%	
Listing service deposits ⁽¹⁾	28,417	2.13 %	35,813	2.86%	40,964	3.03 %	48,953	4.26 %	53,876	4.56%	
All other certificates of deposit less than	182,55		171,93		168,90	12.5	187,24	16.3	194,41		
\$250K	3	13.65%	8	13.73 %	6	0%	5	0%	2	16.46%	
	386,61		376,61		370,53	27.4	364,00	31.6	402,70		
Total certificates of deposit	7	28.92 %	8	30.08 %	0	2 %	5	8 %	0	34.09%	
	1,054,1		963,26		1,062,	78.6	864,26	75.2	900,03		
Total interest-bearing deposits	36	78.85 %	3	76.92 %	535	3 %	6	3 %	3	76.19%	
	1,336,8	100.0	1,252,4	100.0	1,351,	100.	1,148,	100.	1,181,		
Total deposits	\$ 77	0%	\$ 12	0%	\$ 189	00%	\$ 728	00%	\$ 165	100.00%	

(1) As of March 31, 2023, December 31, 2022, September 30, 2022, June 30, 2022 and March 31, 2022, there were \$9.5 million, \$13.6 million, \$13.8 million, \$18.5 million, and \$19.0 million, respectively, in individual listing service deposits amounting to \$250,000 or more. All brokered certificates of deposit individually amounted to less than \$250,000.

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Borrowings

	_		М	arch 31, 2023				De	cember 31, 2022	
		Scheduled Maturity		edeemable Call Date	Weighted Average Rate (Dollars in thou		Scheduled Maturity		edeemabl e at Call Date	Weighted Average Rate
Overnight line of credit					(Donars in thou	san	usj			
advance	\$	_	\$	_	<u> %</u>	\$	6,000	\$	6,000	4.6%
Term advances ending:										
2023	\$	24,775	\$	24,775	2.81	\$	178,375	\$	178,375	4.32
2024		302,500		302,500	4.51		50,000		50,000	4.75
2025		50,000		50,000	4.41		50,000		50,000	4.41
2026		_		—	_					—
2027		212,000		212,000	3.44		183,000		183,000	3.25
Thereafter		59,100		59,100	3.43		50,000		50,000	3.35
	\$	648,375	\$	648,375	3.99%	\$	517,375	\$	517,375	3.90 %

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Nonperforming Assets

	As of Three Months Ended									
	March 31, 2023		Dee	cember 31, 2022	Sep	tember 30, 2022		June 30, 2022		March 31, 2022
					Dollars in thousands)					
Non-accrual loans:							-,			
Mortgage loans:										
1-4 family residential										
Investor owned	\$	2,836	\$	2,844	\$	5,902	\$	3,460	\$	3,596
Owner occupied		2,245		961		971		1,140		962
Multifamily residential		_		_				—		_
Nonresidential properties		—		—		778		1,162		1,166
Construction and land		11,906		7,567		10,660		10,817		7,567
Non-mortgage loans:										
Business		40		_		359		_		
Consumer										
Total non-accrual loans (not including non-accruing troubled debt restructured loans)	\$	17,027	\$	11,372	\$	18,670	\$	16,579	\$	13,291
Non-accruing troubled debt restructured loans:										
Mortgage loans:										
1-4 family residential										
Investor owned	\$	213	\$	217	\$	221	\$	224	\$	230
Owner occupied		2,020		2,027		2,215		1,746		2,192
Multifamily residential		—		_		_		—		
Nonresidential properties		91		93		95		96		98
Construction and land		—		_		_		—		
Non-mortgage loans:										
Business		—		—		—		—		
Consumer										
Total non-accruing troubled debt restructured loans		2,324		2,337		2,531		2,066		2,520
Total non-accrual loans	\$	19,351	\$	13,709	\$	21,201	\$	18,645	\$	15,811
Accruing troubled debt restructured loans:										
Mortgage loans:										
1-4 family residential										
Investor owned	\$	2,185	\$	2,207	\$	2,228	\$	2,246	\$	2,269
Owner occupied		1,310		1,328		1,254		2,019		2,313
Multifamily residential		_		_				—		_
Nonresidential properties		701		708		715		725		726
Construction and land		_		_				_		
Non-mortgage loans:										
Business		_		_		_		_		
Consumer										
Total accruing troubled debt restructured loans	\$	4,196	\$	4,243	\$	4,197	\$	4,990	\$	5,308
Total non-performing assets and accruing troubled debt restructured loans	\$	23,547	\$	17,952	\$	25,398	\$	23,635	\$	21,119
Total non-performing loans to total gross loans		1.18 %	, D	0.90%	, D	1.50%	6	1.39 %	ó	1.20
Fotal non-performing assets to total assets		0.76%	Ď	0.59%	, D	0.97%	6	0.90 %	ó	0.97
Total non-performing assets and accruing troubled debt restructured loans total assets	to	0.93 %	, D	0.78%	Ď	1.16%	6	1.14%	, D	1.30

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries **Average Balance Sheets**

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 2022 Average Average Outstanding Average Outstanding Average Yield/Rate (1) Yield/Rate (1) Balance Balance Interest Interest (Dollars in thousands) Interest-earning assets: Loans⁽²⁾ \$ 1,572,148 19,700 5.08% 1,325,433 18,200 5.57% \$ \$ \$ Securities (3) 138,095 631,138 6,075 3.90% 717 2.11% Other (4) 41,643 581 38,253 5.66% 101 1.07% Total interest-earning assets 2,244,929 26,356 4.76% 1,501,781 19,018 5.14% Non-interest-earning assets 129,837 225,006 2,374,766 1,726,787 \$ S Total assets Interest-bearing liabilities: NOW/IOLA \$ 9 0.16% \$ 33,083 0.20% 23,334 \$ \$ 16 Money market 449,206 4,124 235 0.30% 3.72% 319,806 Savings 128,876 0.10% 30 0.09% 135,404 32 381.362 1.871 419,104 803 Certificates of deposit 1.99% 0.78% Total deposits 982,778 6,034 2.49% 907,397 1,086 0.49% Advance payments by borrowers 12,919 0.09% 9,808 0.04% 3 523,705 5,074 3.93% 114,688 593 2.10% Borrowings 2.97% Total interest-bearing liabilities 1,519,402 11,111 1,031,893 1,680 0.66% Non-interest-bearing liabilities: Non-interest-bearing demand 316,803 372,433 _ _ 42,038 Other non-interest-bearing liabilities 47,562 358,841 419,995 Total non-interest-bearing liabilities 11,111 1,680 Total liabilities 1,878,243 1,451,888 Total equity 496,523 274,899 2,374,766 1,726,787 2.97% Total liabilities and total equity 0.66%15,245 17,338 \$ Net interest income Net interest rate spread (5) 1.79% 4.48% \$ 725,527 \$ 469,888 Net interest-earning assets (6) Net interest margin 2.75% 4.68% 147.75% 145.54% Average interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities

Annualized where appropriate. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)

Loans include loans and mortgage loans held for sale, at fair value. Securities include available-for-sale securities and held-to-maturity securities.

Includes FHLBNY demand account and FHLBNY stock dividends

Net interest rate spread represents the difference between the weighted average yield on interest-earning assets and the weighted average rate of interest-bearing liabilities. Net interest-earning assets represent total interest-earning assets less total interest-bearing liabilities. Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.

Ponce Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries Other Data

	As of									
	 March 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	Se	eptember 30, 2022		June 30, 2022	Ι	March 31, 2022	
Other Data		_								
Common shares issued	24,865,476		24,861,329		24,728,460		24,724,274		24,724,274	
Less treasury shares	1,976		1,976		_		_			
Common shares outstanding at end of period	 24,863,500	_	24,859,353		24,728,460		24,724,274		24,724,274	
Book value per common share	\$ 10.90	\$	10.77	\$	11.15	\$	11.85	\$	12.12	
Tangible book value per common share	\$ 10.90	\$	10.77	\$	11.15	\$	11.85	\$	12.12	