



Amid all the bad news from Wall Street, Illinois banks are here for Main Street.

- Your local community bank is part of the solution, not the problem. We offer trusted advice and a secure place for your savings. Illinois community banks are as different as night and day from Lehman, Bear Stearns and other investment banks.
- The banking system is highly capitalized, with a cushion of \$1.3 trillion as a backstop against potential losses.
- Your bank deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and no one has ever lost a penny of insured deposits. Even better, the agency has temporarily raised its coverage amount from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor per insured institution through Dec. 31, 2009.
- The current economic crisis has already forced much needed reforms on mortgage brokers and on Wall Street.
- Illinois banks have been by your side through challenging times before.

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