



First Busey among the Best-Performing Community Banks ***S&P Global Market Intelligence identifies and recognizes 100 top-performing community banks in 2016***

First Busey Corporation is among the [**2016 Best-Performing Community Banks**](#) with \$1 billion to \$10 billion in assets by *S&P Global Market Intelligence*, a leading provider of financial and industry data, research, news and analytics. Busey joins 99 other top performing community banks—and is among only four headquartered in Illinois.

The ranking is based on six metrics: pretax return on average tangible common equity, net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans, efficiency ratio, adjusted Texas ratio, net interest margin on a fully taxable equivalent basis and loan growth.

S&P Global Market Intelligence screened and eliminated 446 eligible community banks for the ranking. To be eligible, a bank or thrift must possess a loan-to-asset ratio of at least 33%, no more than half of those loans coming from credit cards. They must also be well-capitalized according to regulatory standards and no more than half of the institution's revenue could come from nontraditional banking activities. More than 540 companies were eligible for the *S&P Global Market Intelligence* ratings.

Busey is honored to be among the **2016 Best-Performing Community Banks** by *S&P Global Market Intelligence*. Busey was also named among the **2016 Class of Bank and Thrift Sm-All Stars** by *Sandler O'Neill*—reflecting our commitment to living our **promise** and executing our vision of providing **service excellence** in everything that we do. To learn more, visit the [**Awards & Recognition**](#) page on [**busey.com**](#).