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United States  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ending June 30, 2001

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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**NORTHERN STATES FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

0-19300  
(Commission  
File Number)

36-3449727  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1601 North Lewis Avenue  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085  
(847) 244-6000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of principal executive office)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, (or for shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES:    NO:

4,461,755 shares of common stock were outstanding  
as of June 30, 2001

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Northern States Financial Corporation  
Waukegan, Illinois

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated balance sheet of NORTHERN STATES FINANCIAL CORPORATION as of June 30, 2001 and the condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the six month periods ended June 30, 2001 and 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Crowe, Chizek and Company LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois  
July 26, 2001

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## NORTHERN STATES FINANCIAL CORPORATION

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000

(In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	<u>June 30,</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>December</u> <u>31,</u> <u>2000</u>
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$18,651	\$17,013
Interest bearing deposits in financial institutions - maturities less than 90 days	243	174
Federal funds sold	15,500	14,000
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Total cash and cash equivalents	34,394	31,187
Securities available for sale	197,995	190,050
Loans	304,022	298,851
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(3,726)	(4,689)
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Loans, net	300,296	294,162
Direct lease financing	11,956	7,417
Office buildings and equipment, net	5,614	5,796
Other real estate owned	2,022	2,022
Accrued interest receivable	4,010	4,816
Other assets	2,074	2,806
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Total assets	\$558,361	\$538,256
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Liabilities and  
 Stockholders Equity  
 Liabilities  
 Deposits  
 Demand - noninterest  
 bearing  
 \$46,336\$44,567  
 NOW accounts  
 46,28644,197  
 Money market accounts  
 42,27135,603  
 Savings  
 43,60643,910  
 Time, \$100,000 and over  
 118,24397,822  
 Time, under \$100,000  
 99,973107,022

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Total deposits  
 396,715373,121  
 Securities sold under  
 repurchase agreements  
 and other short-term  
 borrowings  
 67,60173,618  
 Federal Home Loan Bank  
 advances  
 10,00010,000  
 Advances from borrowers  
 for taxes and insurance  
 657816  
 Accrued interest payable  
 and other liabilities  
 8,2098,262

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Total liabilities  
 483,182465,817  
 Stockholders Equity  
 Common stock  
 1,7851,784  
 Additional paid-in capital  
 11,44311,436  
 Retained earnings  
 61,31259,817  
 Accumulated other  
 comprehensive income  
 (loss), net  
 639(598)

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Total stockholders equity  
 75,17972,439

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Total liabilities and  
 stockholders equity  
 \$558,361\$538,256

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Three months and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000

(In thousands of dollars, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	<u>Three months ended</u>		<u>Six months ended</u>	
	<u>June 30, 2001</u>	<u>June 30, 2000</u>	<u>June 30, 2001</u>	<u>June 30, 2000</u>
Interest income				
Loans (including fee income)	\$6,420	\$6,004	\$13,100	\$11,516
Securities				
Taxable			2,529	2,704
			5,057	5,442
Exempt from federal income tax			162	230
			331	470
Interest bearing deposits in financial institutions			1	3
			133	7
Federal funds sold			226	765
			301	21
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Total interest income	9,338	9,017	19,021	17,556
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Interest expense				
Time deposits	3,001	2,508	6,161	4,839
Other deposits	804	930	1,736	1,849
Other borrowings	1,095	980	2,340	1,801
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Total interest expense	
	4,9004,41810,2378,489
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Net interest income	
	4,4384,5998,7849,067
Provision for loan losses	
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Net interest income after provision for loan losses	
	4,4384,5998,7849,067
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Noninterest income	
Service fees on deposits	
	409356749698
Trust income	
	196187365379
Mortgage banking income	
	48229343
Gains on sales of securities	
	31403140
Other operating income	
	163182320349
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Total noninterest income	
	1,1307471,8411,469
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Noninterest expense	
Salaries and employee benefits	
	1,6111,4983,1262,958
Occupancy and equipment, net	
	323303704621
Data processing	
	141122273241
FDIC deposit insurance	
	18153535
Other real estate owned	

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	8203932
Other operating expenses	5035081,0581,000
Total noninterest expense	2,6042,4665,2354,887
Income before income taxes	2,9642,8805,3905,649
Provision for income taxes	9839181,7531,636
Net income	\$1,981\$1,962\$3,637\$4,013
Basic earnings per share	\$0.44\$0.44\$0.82\$0.90
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.44\$0.44\$0.81\$0.90

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Three months and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000

(In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	<u>Three months ended</u>		<u>Six months ended</u>	
	<u>June 30, 2001</u>	<u>June 30, 2000</u>	<u>June 30, 2001</u>	<u>June 30, 2000</u>
Net income	\$ 1,981	\$ 1,962	\$ 3,637	\$ 4,013



Other comprehensive income (loss):  
 Unrealized gains (losses) arising  
 during period on securities available  
 for sale, net of tax of \$147, \$64, \$783  
 and (\$727)

2341031,237(1,150)

Comprehensive income  
 \$2,215\$2,065\$4,874\$2,863

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000

(In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	<u>June 30, 2001</u>	<u>June 30, 2000</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income		
\$3,637\$4,013		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation		
230233		
Deferred loan fees		
(4)112		
Net gain on sale of other real estate owned		
0(3)		
Net gain on sale of securities available for sale		
(314)0		
Amortization of mortgage servicing rights		
2027		
Net change in interest receivable		

	8063
Net change in interest payable	(75)529
Net change in other assets	(71)60
Net change in other liabilities	22(377)
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Net cash from operating activities	4,2514,597
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Cash flows from investing activities	
Proceeds from maturities and calls of securities available for sale	275,2688,401
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	3140
Purchases of securities available for sale	(281,193)(732)
Change in loans made to customers	(6,130)(34,559)
Property and equipment expenditures	(48)(35)
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned	083
Net change in direct lease financing	(4,539)28
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Net cash from investing activities	(16,328)(26,814)
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Cash flows from financing activities	
Net increase (decrease) in: Deposits	23,59412,692
Securities sold under repurchase agreements and other short-term borrowings	(6,017)2,883
Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	(159)20

Federal Home Loan Bank advance	010,000
Net proceeds from exercise of stock options	820
Dividends paid	(2,142)(1,918)
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Net cash from financing activities	15,28423,697
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Net change in cash and cash equivalents	3,2071,480
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	31,18716,900
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$34,394\$18,380
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Supplemental disclosures	
Cash paid during the period for	
Interest	\$10,312\$7,960
Income taxes	1,7051,771
Noncash investing activities	
Transfers made from loans to other real estate owned	080

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## Note 1 Basis of Presentation

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared without audit and reflect all adjustments which are of a normal and recurring nature and, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present interim financial statements of Northern States Financial Corporation (the Company) in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The interim financial statements do not purport to contain all the necessary financial disclosures covered by generally accepted accounting principles that might otherwise be necessary for complete financial statements.

The condensed consolidated balance sheets are as of June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000. The condensed consolidated statements of income and the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income are for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000. The condensed consolidated statements of cash flows are for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000.

The interim condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and accompanying notes (or notes thereto) of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998.

The results of operations for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2001, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

Basic earnings per share is based on weighted-average shares outstanding of 4,461,755 and 4,460,678 for the three months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 and 4,461,755 and 4,460,012 for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000. Diluted earnings per share further assumes issue of any dilutive potential common shares. Common stock information is summarized as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>December 31, 2000</b>	<b>June 30, 2000</b>
Common shares authorized	6,500,000	6,500,000	6,500,000
Common shares outstanding	4,461,755 4,460,845 4,460,845		
Par value per share	\$0.40 \$0.40 \$0.40		

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## Note 2 Securities

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses, and fair value of securities available for sale as of June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000 were as follows:

**June 30, 2001**

**Amortized**

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	Cost	Gross Unrealized		Value
		Gains	Losses	
U.S. Treasury	\$ 1,000	\$ 13	\$ 0	\$ 1,013
U.S. Government agencies and corporations				
173,912,474(83)174,303				
States and political subdivisions				
14,321,206(5)14,522				
Mortgage-backed securities				
4,610,741(1)4,683				
Equity securities				
3,109,386(21)3,474				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$196,952</b>	<b>\$1,153</b>	<b>\$(110)</b>	<b>\$197,995</b>

December 31, 2000	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized		Fair Value
		Gains	Losses	
U.S. Treasury	\$ 1,000	\$ 4	\$ 0	\$ 1,004
U.S. Government agencies and corporations				
167,065,761(1,623)165,518				
States and political subdivisions				
15,531,123(58)15,596				
Mortgage-backed securities				
5,384,383(39)5,383				
Equity securities				
2,047,502(20)2,549				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,027</b>	<b>\$743</b>	<b>\$(1,720)</b>	<b>\$190,050</b>

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Contractual maturities of securities available for sale at June 30, 2001 were as follows. Securities not due at a single maturity date, primarily mortgage-backed securities and equity securities, are shown separately.

	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Due in one year or less	\$ 49,501	\$ 49,515
Due after one year through five years		
110,633		
Due after five years through ten years		
29,099		
189,233		
Mortgage-backed securities	4,610,683	
Equity securities	3,109,474	
Total	\$196,952	\$197,995

Mortgage-backed securities are comprised of investments in pools of residential mortgages. The mortgage pools are issued and guaranteed by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), the Government National Mortgage Corporation (GNMA) or the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA).

The fair value of agency securities with call options totaled \$119,630 at June 30, 2001. As of June 30, 2001, the Company held no structured notes.

There was one sale of an equity security during the three months ended June 30, 2001 that resulted in a gain of \$314. There were no sales of securities during 2000.

Securities carried at \$170,777 and \$158,129 at June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000 were pledged to secure public deposits, repurchase agreements and for other purposes as required or permitted by law.

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## Note 3 Loans

The Company makes loans to, and obtains deposits from, customers primarily in Lake County, Illinois and surrounding areas. Most loans are secured by specific items of collateral, including commercial and residential real estate and other business and consumer assets.

Loans at June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000 were as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>December 31, 2000</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Commercial	\$ 90,782	\$ 94,353
Real estate - construction		
34,29525,538		
Real estate - mortgage		
149,373149,869		
Home equity		
20,99620,233		
Installment		
9,0689,361		
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total loans		
304,514299,354		
Unearned income		
(9)(16)		
Deferred loan fees		
(483)(487)		
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Loans, net of unearned income and deferred loan fees		
304,022298,851		
Allowance for loan losses		
(3,726)(4,689)		
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Loans, net		
\$300,296\$294,162		
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
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There were no loans held for sale on June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000.

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Real estate - mortgage loans with a carrying value of \$19,015 and \$21,786 were pledged to secure public deposits at June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000. The Company has also pledged real estate-mortgage loans on residential property in an amount equal to at least 167% of the outstanding Federal Home Loan Bank advances.

Non-performing loans, which include loans contractually past due ninety days or more, loans accounted for on a nonaccrual basis, and loans whose terms have been renegotiated to provide a reduction or deferral of interest or principal because of deterioration in the financial position of the borrower, amounted to \$5,109 at June 30, 2001 and \$4,112 at December 31, 2000.

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Impaired loans were as follows for June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000:

	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>December 31, 2000</b>
Loans with no allowance for losses allocated	\$ 0	\$ 0
Loans with allowance for losses allocated	1,421,728	
Amount of the allowance allocated	230,446	

The average balances and income recognized on impaired loans were as follows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 are as follows:

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Six months ended</b>	
	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>June 30, 2000</b>	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>June 30, 2000</b>
Average of impaired loans during the period	\$ 1,836	\$ 627	\$ 1,758	\$ 524
Interest income recognized during the impairment period		100,100		
Cash-basis interest income recognized during the impairment period		100,100		

The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to make loans, standby letters of credit, and unused lines of credit. The Company's



exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other parties to these financial instruments is represented by the contractual amount of the instruments. The Company uses the same credit policy to make such commitments as it uses for on-balance sheet items.

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At June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000, the contractual amounts of the Company's off-balance sheet commitments were as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>December 31, 2000</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Unused lines of credit and commitments to make loans:		
Fixed rate	\$28,864	\$17,278
Variable rate	94,632	81,375
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	\$123,496	\$98,653
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Standby letters of credit	\$4,528	\$3,682

Since many commitments to make loans expire without being used, the amounts above do not necessarily represent future cash commitments. Collateral obtained upon exercise of the commitments is determined using management's credit evaluation of the borrower, and may include commercial and residential real estate and other business and consumer assets.

Note 4 Allowance for Loan Losses

Activity in the allowance for loan losses for the six months ended June 30, 2001, twelve months ended December 31, 2000 and six months ended June 30, 2000 were as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>December 31, 2000</b>	<b>June 30, 2000</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 4,689	\$ 5,368	\$ 5,368

Provision charged to operating expense	000
Loans charged off	(1,025)(838)(163)
Recoveries on loans previously charged off	6215970
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Balance at end of period	\$3,726\$4,689\$5,275
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**Note 5 Provision for Income Tax**

The provision for income taxes represents federal and state income tax expense calculated using annualized rates on taxable income generated during the respective periods. During the first quarter of 2000, the Company received additional information to support a charitable contribution for real estate owned sold during 1999 to a municipal entity. Accordingly, the Company recorded a \$153 tax benefit related to this sale in the first quarter of 2000.

**Note 6 Stockholders' Equity**

For the six months ended June 30, 2001 total stockholders' equity increased \$2,740. The increase is a result of net income of \$3,637, plus the change in the valuation allowance from December 31, 2000 for the fair value of securities available for sale, net of tax, of \$1,237, plus \$8 due to the exercise of 910 stock options pursuant to the Omnibus Incentive Plan, less cash dividends paid of \$2,142 or \$.48 per share.

For the six months ended June 30, 2000 total stockholders' equity increased \$965. The increase was the result of net income of \$4,013, less the change in the valuation allowance from December 31, 1999 for the fair value of securities available for sale, net of tax, of \$1,150, plus \$20 due to the exercise of 2,500 stock options pursuant to the Omnibus Incentive Plan, less cash dividends paid of \$1,918 or \$.43 per share.

In October 2000, the Company adopted a Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan provides holders of the Company's common stock the opportunity to purchase additional shares of the Company's common stock by reinvesting cash dividends, to purchase additional shares of common stock, or do both. Stockholders who participate in the Plan will have the cash dividends paid on their shares of common stock automatically reinvested in shares of common stock. Participants may also make optional cash purchases of not less than \$50 per payment and not more than \$3,000 per calendar quarter.

**Note 7 Omnibus Incentive Plan Instruments**

The 1992 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the Plan) authorizes the issuance of up to 375,000 shares of the Company's common stock, including the granting of non-qualified stock options, restricted stock and stock appreciation rights.

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Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 requires pro forma disclosures for companies that do not adopt its fair value accounting method for stock-based employee compensation. The Company did not grant any stock options during the six months ended June 30, 2001 or during the entire year 2000. Stock options may be used to reward directors and employees and provide them with an additional equity interest in the Company. Options have been issued for 10 year periods and are fully vested when granted.

Information about option grants follow:

	<b>Number of Options</b>	<b>Weighted-Avg. Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding at January 1, 2000	13,910	\$ 8.32
Exercised during period ended June 30, 2000	(2,500)	8.32
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Outstanding at June 30, 2000	11,410	\$8.32
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Outstanding at January 1, 2001	11,410	\$8.32
Exercised during period ended June 30, 2001	(910)	8.32
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Outstanding at June 30, 2001	10,500	\$8.32
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At June 30, 2001, all remaining options had an exercise price of \$8.32. The options outstanding had a remaining life of six months.

The Company at its discretion may grant stock appreciation rights under the Plan. A stock appreciation right entitles the holder to receive from the Company an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the aggregate fair market value of the Company's common stock which is the subject of such a grant over the grant price. During the six months ended June 30, 2001, no stock appreciation rights were exercised. At both June 30,

2001 and 2000, 12,280 stock appreciation rights were outstanding at the grant price \$8.32 per share. The Company's expense (benefit) was \$43 and \$5 for the three months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 and \$22 and (\$43) for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000. The stock appreciation rights will expire during 2002.

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(Unaudited)

**Note 8 Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

Other comprehensive income (loss) components and related taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 were as follows:

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Six months ended</b>	
	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>June 30, 2000</b>	<b>June 30, 2001</b>	<b>June 30, 2000</b>
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities available for sale	\$ 381	\$ 167	\$ 2,020	\$ (1,877)
Tax effect		14764783(727)		
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Other comprehensive gains (losses)				
\$234\$103\$1,237\$(1,150)				
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**Note 9 Segment Information**

The operating segments are determined by the products and services offered, primarily distinguished between banking, mortgage banking and trust operations. Loans, securities and deposits provide the revenues in the banking operation, servicing fees and loan sales provide the revenues in mortgage banking, and trust fees provide the revenues in trust operations. All operations are domestic.

Management began evaluating mortgage banking as a separate segment in August, 1998. Mortgage banking and trust segment performance is evaluated using fee income net of direct expenses. Income taxes are not allocated to these segments and selected indirect expenses are

allocated. There are no transactions among segments. Substantially all assets are related to the banking segment. Neither mortgage banking nor trust pre-tax revenues exceeded 10% of total pre-tax income for the three or six months ended June 30, 2001 or 2000.

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Information reported internally for performance assessment of operating segments for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 follows:

	<b>Three months ended June 30, 2001</b>		
	<b>Banking</b>	<b>Other Segments</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net interest income	\$ 4,438	\$ 0	\$ 4,438
Other revenue			
8622681,130			
Other expenses			
2,3572472,604			
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Segment profit (loss)			
\$2,943\$21\$2,964			
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	<b>Three months ended June 30, 2000</b>		
	<b>Banking</b>	<b>Other Segments</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net interest income	\$ 4,599	\$ 0	\$ 4,599
Other revenue			
508239747			
Other expenses			
2,2412252,466			
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Segment profit (loss)  
\$2,866\$14\$2,880

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**Six months ended June 30,  
2001**

	<b>Banking</b>	<b>Other Segments</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net interest income	\$ 8,784	\$ 0	\$ 8,784
Other revenue			
1,3325091,841			
Other expenses			
4,7584775,235			

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Segment profit (loss)  
\$5,358\$32\$5,390

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**Six months ended June 30,  
2000**

	<b>Banking</b>	<b>Other Segments</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net interest income	\$ 9,067	\$ 0	\$ 9,067
Other revenue			
9874821,469			
Other expenses			
4,4124754,887			

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Segment profit (loss)  
\$5,642\$7\$5,649

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The following discussion focuses on the consolidated financial condition of the Northern States Financial Corporation (the "Company") at June 30, 2001 and the consolidated results of operations for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2001, compared to the same periods of 2000. The purpose of this discussion is to provide a better understanding of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the operations of its subsidiary, the Bank of Waukegan (the "Bank"). This discussion should be read in conjunction with the interim condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included herein.

The statements contained in this management's discussion and analysis that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements subject to the safe harbor created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company cautions readers of this report that a number of important factors could cause the Company's actual results subsequent to June 30, 2001 to differ materially from those expressed in any such forward-looking statements.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION**

The consolidated total assets for the Company were \$558.4 million at June 30, 2001, increasing \$20.1 million from the Company's year-end, December 31, 2000.

The Company had \$15.5 million in federal fund sold at June 30, 2001, as compared to \$14.0 at December 31, 2000. The Company on a daily basis invests excess cash into federal funds sold. Federal funds sold is a source of liquidity to the Company and will fluctuate from day to day.

The fair value of securities at June 30, 2001 was \$198.0 million increasing by \$7.9 million from the previous year-end. The fair value of the securities portfolio has increased in part due to changes to the gross unrealized gains and losses mostly caused by market rate declines. At June 30, 2001 the Company's securities showed net unrealized gains of \$1 million compared to December 31, 2000 that showed net unrealized losses of \$1 million, a shift of \$2 million. During the first six months of 2001, \$275.3 million in securities were called or matured compared to only \$8.4 million the previous year. The reason for this is that at December 31, 2000 the Company had \$156.4 million in agency securities with call options that allowed the issuers of the securities to payoff the securities earlier than the stated maturity date. With the decline in interest rates most of the issuers of these securities exercised their call options. The Company during the first six months of 2001 purchased \$281.2 million in securities and \$5.9 million more in securities were purchased than were called or matured. Most of the purchases were for U.S. Government agency securities that increased by \$8.7 million from year-end. Equity securities increased \$.9 million. An equity security was sold that netted a gain of \$314,000 from which the proceeds of the sale were used in part to purchase a \$1.0 million equity security that qualifies for Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) purposes. Securities issued by states and political subdivisions decreased by \$1.0 million and mortgage-backed securities declined by \$.7 million.

The Company's loan portfolio at June 30, 2001 was \$304.0 million, an increase of \$5.2 million from December 31, 2000. Real estate-construction loans continued to grow and were \$8.8 million greater than at the previous year-end. Home equity loans increased by \$.8 million and remain popular with consumers as the interest paid on the home equity loan may be used as a tax deduction. Commercial loans decreased \$3.6 million while real estate loans and installment loans declined slightly by \$.5 million and \$.3 million.

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The Company's lease portfolio increased \$4.5 million during the first half of 2001 as leases totaling \$5.0 million were purchased from an investment-banking house. These purchased leases carry a surety bond that guarantees payment performance.

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At June 30, 2001 deposits at the Company increased \$23.6 million from December 31, 2000. The increase was in time deposits \$100,000 and over, which increased \$20.4 million from year-end. Most of the growth in time deposits, \$100,000 and over was from public entities. The Company is located in the county seat and accepts deposits from local municipalities. The first half of property taxes were paid in early June 2001 and resulted in public depositors investing their funds into time deposits. Time deposits under \$100,000 decreased \$7.0 million while demand, NOW and money market balances increased \$1.8 million, \$2.1 million and \$6.7 million. With interest rates decreasing on time deposits many retail customers with time deposits under \$100,000, transferred their funds into money market accounts as rates paid on money market accounts were comparable to short-term time deposit rates. Savings deposits remained stable at June 30, 2001 with balances of \$43.6 million declining only slightly by \$.3 million from year-end.

Securities sold under repurchase agreements (repurchase agreements) and other short-term borrowings at the Company decreased \$6.0 million from December 31, 2000 to \$67.6 million at June 30, 2001. These funds mainly consist of repurchase agreements that are offered through an overnight repurchase agreement product and a term product with maturities from 7 days to one year. Commercial customers have increasingly placed their funds into repurchase agreements as repurchase agreements provide the commercial customer with added security for their funds in the form of an investment that is pledged by the Company. Repurchase agreements also provide a source of funds to the Company that do not increase reserve requirements with the Federal Reserve Bank or create an expense relating to FDIC insurance and, therefore, are less costly to the Company.

On June 30, 2001 the Company had a term advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank in the amount of \$10.0 million that remains unchanged from December 31, 2000.

Total stockholders' equity increased \$2,740,000 during the six months ended June 30, 2001. The increase is the result of net income of \$3,637,000, plus the adjustment in the valuation allowance for the market value of securities available for sale, net of tax, of \$1,237,000, plus \$8,000 due to the exercise of 910 stock options pursuant to the Omnibus Incentive Plan, less cash dividends paid of \$2,142,000.

The tier 1 capital to average asset ratio at June 30, 2001 was 13.73% and the total capital to asset ratio, on a risk adjusted basis, amounted to 19.49%, exceeding the minimum required to be capitalized under prompt corrective action regulations, which minimums are 5.00% and 10.00%. Book value per share, was \$16.85 at June 30, 2001 as compared to \$16.24 at December 31, 2000. On June 30, 2001, the Company and its subsidiary were in compliance with all applicable regulatory capital requirements.

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#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### NET INCOME

The consolidated net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 was \$1,981,000, an increase of \$19,000 compared to net income of \$1,962,000 for the same period the previous year. The annualized return on average assets was 1.44% for the quarter, a decrease from a return on average assets for the same quarter the previous year of 1.62%. The consolidated net income for the six months ended June 30, 2001 was \$3,637,000, a decrease of \$376,000 over the first half of 2000. The annualized return on average assets for the first six months of 2001 was 1.34%, down from the return on average assets for the same period the previous year of 1.67%.

During 2001's second quarter, the Company sold an equity investment that resulted in a gain of \$314,000. When discounting this one-time factor from the second quarter 2001 results, net income for the quarter would have been \$173,000 (8.82%) less than the same quarter last year. During the first quarter of 2000, the Company received information supporting a charitable contribution for other real estate owned sold during 1999 to a municipal entity. Accordingly, the Company recorded a \$153,000 tax benefit related to this sale in the first quarter of 2000. When discounting the gain on sale of the equity security from 2001 and the one-time tax benefit from 2000, net income for the first half of 2001 was \$415,000 or 10.75% less than for the same period last year.

#### NET INTEREST INCOME



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Net interest income, the difference between interest income earned on average interest earning assets and interest expense on average interest bearing liabilities, decreased \$161,000 or 3.50% during the three months ended June 30, 2001 compared to the same three months in 2000.

One of the major factors affecting net interest income is change to interest rates. During the second quarter of 2001 interest rates declined as evidenced by the prime lending rate that began the quarter at 8.00% and because of changes to the federal discount rate moved downward three times finally ending the quarter at 6.75% or 125 basis points less. During the second quarter 2000, there was an upward trend for interest rates with the prime rate beginning the quarter at 9.00% and ending the quarter at 9.50%.

Table 1 shows that during the second quarter of 2001 yields on interest earning assets declined 69 basis points, a lesser extent than rates paid on deposits and borrowings that declined only 14 basis points. These developments resulted in net interest income decreasing during the second quarter of 2001.

The trend of lower interest rates in 2001 compared to increasing rates last year has effected net interest income in that rates earned on securities and loans have decreased during the quarter compared to last year. More than half of the Bank's loan portfolio has variable rates that have decreased as rates have declined. Table 1, Analysis of Average Balance and Tax Equivalent Rates for the Three Months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 shows that loan rates have decreased 81 basis points compared to last year. More than half of the Bank's investment securities have call options that allow the issuers of the securities to call or payoff the securities earlier than the maturity date. As rates have declined, many securities have been called as the issuers have issued new securities at the lower interest rates. Table 1 shows that the yields on taxable securities in the second quarter of 2001 have declined 52 basis points compared to last year and yields on securities exempt from income taxes declined 32 basis points.

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TABLE 1

#### NORTHERN STATES FINANCIAL CORPORATION ANALYSIS OF AVERAGE BALANCE AND TAX EQUIVALENT RATES For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 (\$ 000s)

	2001		2000		
	Average Balance	Interest Rate	Average Balance	Interest Rate	Rate
Assets					
Loans (1)(2)(3)					
	\$310,624	6.4378.29%	\$264,967	6.0259.10%	
Taxable securities					
	181,746	2.5295.59%	169,446	2.7046.11%	
Securities exempt from Taxes (2)					
	13,693	2.457.25%	18,317	3.507.57%	
Interest bearing deposits in banks					
	167	12.40%	240	3.00%	
Federal funds sold					
	20,794	2.264.35%	4,955	7.66.14%	

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Interest earning assets  
 527,0249,4387.18%457,9259,1587.87%

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Noninterest earning assets  
 23,06827,562

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Average assets  
 \$550,092\$485,487

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Liabilities and stockholders' equity  
 NOW deposits  
 \$46,2342191.89%\$43,7462892.64%  
 Money market deposits  
 41,4623643.51%36,0733333.69%  
 Savings deposits  
 43,6092212.03%45,2993082.72%  
 Time deposits  
 209,2323,0015.74%174,4162,5085.75%  
 Other borrowings  
 80,3791,0955.45%68,4169805.73%

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Interest bearing Liabilities  
 420,9164,9004.66%367,9504,4184.80%

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Demand deposits  
 44,67743,743  
 Other noninterest bearing liabilities  
 10,4708,285  
 Stockholders' equity  
 74,02965,509

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Average liabilities and Stockholders' equity  
 \$550,092\$485,487

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Net interest income  
 \$4,538\$4,740

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Net yield on interest Earning assets  
 3.45%4.07%

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Interest bearing liabilities to earning assets Ratio  
 80.00%79.01%

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- (1) - Interest income on loans includes loan origination fees of \$110 and \$88 for the three months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000.
- (2) - Tax-exempt income is reflected on a fully tax equivalent basis utilizing a 34% rate.
- (3) - Non-accrual loans are included in average loans.

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ANALYSIS OF AVERAGE BALANCE AND TAX EQUIVALENT RATES**

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2001 and 2000  
(\$ 000s)

	2001		2000	
	Average Balance	Interest Rate	Average Balance	Interest Rate
Assets				
Loans (1)(2)(3)	\$308,213	13,1358.52%	\$259,122	11,5598.92%
Taxable securities	174,627	5,0575.80%	171,145	5,4426.10%
Securities exempt from Federal income taxes (2)	13,925	5,027.29%	18,721	7,137.56%
Interest bearing deposits in banks	16	133.73%	25	5,575.49%
Federal funds sold	21,592	5,304.91%	4,019	1,216.02%
Interest earning assets	518,518	19,2277.42%	453,262	17,8427.75%
Noninterest earning assets			23,317	26,967
Average assets				

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\$541,835 \$480,229

Liabilities and stockholders' equity	
NOW deposits	
\$45,509,502 2.21%	\$43,349,573 2.64%
Money market deposits	
39,556,742 3.75%	36,785,661 3.59%
Savings deposits	
43,453,492 2.26%	45,149,615 2.72%
Time deposits	
205,739,616 15.99%	173,290,483 9.58%
Other borrowings	
80,370,234 0.82%	65,898,180 1.47%

Interest bearing liabilities  
414,627,110 2374.94% 364,4718,4894.66%

Demand deposits	43,428,427,91
Other noninterest bearing liabilities	9,939,7488
Stockholders' equity	73,841,65,479

Average liabilities and Stockholders' equity  
\$541,835 \$480,229

Net interest income  
\$8,990 \$9,353

Net yield on interest Earning assets  
3.47% 4.06%

Interest bearing liabilities to Earning assets ratio  
80.04% 79.12%

- (1) - Interest income on loans includes loan origination fees of \$195 and \$171 for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000.
- (2) - Tax-exempt income is reflected on a fully tax equivalent basis utilizing a 34% rate.
- (3) - Non-accrual loans are included in average loans.

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Interest rates paid on deposits and borrowings have declined as well. Table 1 shows that rates paid on NOW, money market and savings deposits have decreased during the second quarter of 2001 by 75, 18 and 69 basis points compared to the same quarter last year. Rates offered on time deposit have declined yet table 1 shows that the rates paid on time deposits, the largest source of funds to the Company, during the second quarter of 2001 remained almost unchanged from last year. From June through October 2000 rates for time deposits and repurchase agreements with terms of one year or more ranged from 7.00% to 7.25% that attracted an influx of time deposits. Approximately \$90 million in these funds remained at fixed rates throughout the first six months of 2001 and have kept rates paid on time deposit at higher levels. As a majority of these time deposits and repurchase agreements mature and reprice at lower rates in the second half of 2001, management expects that it will have a positive impact on net interest income.

For the six months ended 2001 net interest income decreased \$283,000 compared to the same period of 2000. The same factors that caused net interest income to decline during the second quarter of 2001 were in effect for the first six months of 2001. Interest rates declined during the first 6 months of 2001 with the prime rate going from 9.50% at the first of year and ending at 6.75% at June 30, 2001. This trend in rates was just the opposite during the first six months of 2000 with the prime rate starting out at 8.50% and ending at June 30, 2000 at 9.50%. Table 2, Analysis of Average Balance and Tax Equivalent Rates for the Six Months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 shows that yields on interest earning assets declined 33 basis points. Table 2 shows that rates paid on interest bearing liabilities increased 28 basis points despite declining interest rates. The increased rates on interest bearing liabilities resulted from greater rates paid on time deposits and other borrowings as \$90 million in time deposits and repurchase agreements with original maturities of over one year were paying rates of 7.00% or greater during the first half of 2001.

**ASSET QUALITY AND THE PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES**

There was no provision for loan losses during the three months and six months ended June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2000. Management, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, after carefully reviewing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and the levels of nonperforming and impaired loans, found that no provision for loan losses was necessary during these periods.

At June 30, 2001, the allowance for loan losses was \$3,726,000 or 1.23% of loans as compared to \$4,689,000 or 1.57% of loans at December 31, 2000. During the first six months of 2001 \$1,025,000 in loans, that had previously been classified as impaired, were charged off to the allowance compared to \$163,000 during the same period last year. Recoveries of loans previously charged off were \$62,000 during the first half of 2001 compared to \$70,000 during the same period of 2000.

Nonperforming loans which includes nonaccrual loans and loans 90 days or more past due, still accruing were \$5,109,000 at June 30, 2001 or 1.68% of loans compared to \$4,112,000 at December 31, 2000 or 1.38%. Of the \$5,109,000 of the total nonperforming, \$4,962,000 is secured by real estate. Subsequent to June 30, 2001, payments of \$1,429,000 were received on a nonperforming loan totaling \$2,789,000 with the balance due expected to be brought current in early August 2001. Impaired loans totaled \$1,421,000 or .47% of loans at June 30, 2001 as compared to impaired loans of \$1,728,000 at December 31, 2000. The amount of the allowance for loan losses allocated for impaired loans at June 30, 2001 was \$230,000 compared to \$446,000 at December 31, 2000.

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Other real estate owned, a non-performing asset, at June 30, 2001 was \$2,022,000 and remained unchanged from December 31, 2000.

Management and the Board of Directors analyze the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses at least quarterly. Loans judged to be impaired, loans with potential loss exposure, loans that are no longer accruing interest, and historical net loan loss percentages are reviewed in the analysis of the allowance for loan losses. Based on management's and the Board of Directors' analysis, the allowance for loan losses at

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June 30, 2001 is adequate to cover current loan loss exposure. If the level of impaired and nonperforming loans remains low during the remainder of 2001, no additional loan loss provision is anticipated during 2001.

### NONINTEREST INCOME

Noninterest income for the three months ended June 30, 2001 was \$1,130,000 as compared to \$747,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2000, an increase of \$383,000. Most of this increase was the result the sale of an equity security during the quarter that netted a gain of \$314,000. Service fees on deposits increased \$53,000 as compared to the same quarter last year as the result of increases to services fees on one of the deposit products and increased overdraft income. Income from mortgage banking activities increased \$26,000 as declining home mortgage rates increased the number of mortgages refinanced as compared to the second quarter of 2000. Trust fee income increased \$9,000 during the three months ended June 30, 2001. Other operating income during the second quarter of 2001 was \$19,000 less due to decreased loan fees collected on mortgage loans.

For the first six months of 2001 noninterest income was \$1,841,000 as compared to \$1,469,000 for the same period of 2000, an increase of \$372,000. When discounting the one-time gain on the sale of the equity security of \$314,000, noninterest income was \$58,000 greater than last year. Service fees on deposits were \$51,000 greater during the first half of 2001 as compared to the same period last year as the because of increases to services fees on one of the deposit products and increased overdraft income. Trust income for the six months ended June 30, 2001 declined slightly by \$14,000. Mortgage banking income increased \$50,000 during the first half of 2001, as the volume of mortgages refinanced increased due to lower home mortgage rates. Other noninterest income declined \$29,000 from last year as loan fees decreased compared to the first half of 2000, as there had been greater new loan activity during the first half of 2000 as compared to 2001.

### NONINTEREST EXPENSES

Noninterest expenses were \$2,604,000 during the three months ended June 30, 2001 an increase of \$138,000 from the same quarter last year. The Company's efficiency ratio, noninterest expenses divided by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income, was 46.77% for the second quarter of 2001 as compared to 46.13% for the same quarter of 2000. Compared to its peers, the Company's ability to control overhead is one of its operating strengths.

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Increases in salaries and employee benefits expenses of \$113,000 occurred during the second quarter of 2001 compared to the same period last year, an increase of 7.54%. Salary expense was \$64,000 greater during the second quarter of 2001 due to annual salary increases. Increases in the Company's stock price during the second quarter of 2001 caused salaries expenses relating to stock appreciation rights to increase by \$38,000 from last year.

Occupancy expenses for the second quarter of 2001 were \$323,000, \$20,000 greater when compared to the second quarter of 2000. Most of the increased expense was the result of increased building maintenance expenses as repairs were made to the parking lots.

Data processing expense during the three months ended June 30, 2001 was \$141,000, an increase of \$19,000 from the same quarter last year. Data processing expense has increased due to expenses relating to the Company's internet banking product that was introduced during the fourth quarter of 2000.

FDIC insurance during the second quarter of 2001 increased \$3,000 from the same three-month period last year. Other real estate owned expenses declined \$12,000 during the second quarter of 2001. Miscellaneous other operating expenses declined slightly by \$5,000 during the three months ended June 30, 2001 compared to the same three months last year.

During the six months ended June 30, 2001, total noninterest expenses were \$5,235,000 or \$348,000 greater than during the same period last year. The Company's efficiency ratio for the first half of 2001 was 49.27% as compared to 46.38% for the first half of 2000.

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Salaries and employee benefit expenses increased 5.68% or \$168,000 during the six months ending June 30, 1999 as compared to the same period last year. Salary expense during the first half of 2001 showed increases of \$107,000 or 4.71% due to regular salary increases. Increases to the Company's stock price during the first two quarters of 2001 increased salary expenses relating to stock appreciation rights by \$65,000 when compared to the same period last year.

Occupancy expenses were \$83,000 greater during the first six months of 2001 when compared to the same period of 2000. Maintenance expenses for building and equipment increased \$49,000 during the first six months of 2001. Needed repairs were made to the parking lots and maintenance contracts were placed on security systems installed in 2000 as warranty periods ended. Rental income, recorded as a reduction against occupancy expense, declined \$24,000 compared to last year as one of the Company's major tenants at one of the branch offices relocated due to a business consolidation. Expenses for utilities were \$18,000 greater than last year as utility rates had increased during the winter of 2001.

Data processing expense was \$32,000 greater during the first six months of 2001 when compared to the same period of 2000. During the fourth quarter of 2001 the Company introduced its internet banking product and expenses relating to that product have increased data processing expense compared to last year.

FDIC deposit insurance expense was \$35,000 for the first two quarters of 2001 remaining unchanged from the same period last year. Other real estate owned expenses increased slightly by \$7,000 during the six months ending June 30, 2001.

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Miscellaneous other operating expenses were \$58,000 more for the six months ending June 30, 2001 than they were the same period last year. Operating losses due to forged check losses were \$33,000 greater in 2001 than last year. Marketing expenses increased over the previous year by \$26,000 in part from increased product development costs and increased cable television advertising.

#### **FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES**

For the three months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, the Company's provisions for federal and state income taxes were \$983,000 and \$918,000, which as a percentage of pretax earnings was 33.16% and 31.88%. The tax rate has increased in part because interest income from securities exempt from federal income tax has declined during 2001 as it is becoming increasingly difficult to replace these securities as they mature with bank qualified tax advantaged securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2001, the Company's provision for federal and state taxes was \$1,753,000 or 32.52% of pretax earnings as compared to \$1,636,000 or 28.96% of pretax earnings for the six months ending June 30, 2000. During the first quarter of 2000, the Company received additional information to support a charitable contribution on real estate owned sold during 1999 to a municipal entity. The Company recorded a \$153,000 tax benefit related to this sale. When discounting this one-time factor, income taxes as a percentage of pretax earning during the first half of 2000 would have been 31.67%.

#### **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In July 2001 the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 102, Selected Loan Loss Allowance Methodology and Documentation Issues (SAB 102). Due to the recent issuance of this SAB, management is not able to comment in the June 30, 2001 Form 10-Q regarding the effect of this SAB.

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#### **QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

The Company's primary market risk exposure is interest rate risk and, to a lesser extent, liquidity risk. Interest-rate risk (IRR) is the exposure of a banking organization's financial condition to adverse movements in interest rates. Accepting this risk can be an important source of profitability and stockholder value, however excessive levels of IRR can pose a significant threat to the Company's earnings and capital base.

Accordingly, effective risk management that maintains IRR at prudent levels is essential to the Company's safety and soundness.

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Evaluating a financial institution's exposure to changes in interest rates includes assessing both the adequacy of the management process used to control IRR and the organization's quantitative level of exposure. When assessing the IRR management process, the Company seeks to ensure that appropriate policies, procedures, management information systems and internal controls are in place to maintain IRR at prudent levels with consistency and continuity. Evaluating the quantitative level of IRR exposure requires the Company to assess the existing and potential future effects of changes in interest rates on its consolidated financial condition, including capital adequacy, earnings, liquidity, and, where appropriate, asset quality.

The Federal Reserve Board, together with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, adopted a Joint Agency Policy Statement on Interest-Rate Risk, effective June 26, 1996. The policy statement provides guidance to examiners and bankers on sound practices for managing IRR, which will form the basis for ongoing evaluation of the adequacy of IRR management at supervised institutions. The policy statement also outlines fundamental elements of sound management that have been identified in prior Federal Reserve guidance and discusses the importance of these elements in the context of managing IRR. Specifically, the guidance emphasizes the need for active board of director and management oversight and a comprehensive risk-management process that effectively identifies, measures, and controls IRR. Several techniques might be used by an institution to minimize IRR. One approach is to periodically analyze its assets and liabilities and make future financing and investment decisions based on payment streams, interest rates, contractual maturities and estimated sensitivity to actual or potential changes in market interest rates. Such activities fall under the broad definition of asset/liability management. The Company's primary measurement tool used by management is to shock the balance sheet by decreasing rates 2% and increasing rates 2% using computer simulation to show the effect of rate changes on the fair value of the Company's financial instruments.

Several ways an institution can manage IRR include: selling existing assets or repaying certain liabilities; matching repricing periods for new assets and liabilities for example, by shortening terms of new loans or investments. Financial institutions are also subject to prepayment risk in falling rate environments. For example, a debtor may prepay other financial assets so that the debtor may refinance their obligations at new, lower rates. Prepayments of assets carrying higher rates reduce the Company's interest income and overall asset yields. A large portion of an institution's liabilities may be short term or due on demand, while most of its assets may be invested in long-term loans or investments. Accordingly, the Company seeks to have in place sources of cash to meet short-term demands. By increasing deposits, borrowing, or selling assets the Company can obtain these funds.

Table 3, Effect of Interest Shocks on Financial Instruments, compares information about the current fair value of the Company's financial instruments at March 31, 2001 to December 31, 2000. Table 3 shows the effects of interest rate shocks of decreasing rates 2% and increasing rates 2% on the fair value of the Company's financial instruments. The computer simulation model that is used to do the interest rate shocks and calculates the effect on the fair value of the Company's balance sheet takes into consideration maturity and repricing schedules of the various assets and liabilities. March 31, 2001 is used in Table 3 as it has the most recent data made available from the computer simulation model.

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**TABLE 3  
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EFFECT OF INTEREST SHOCKS ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**



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as of March 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000  
(\$000s)

	<b>Fair Value at March 31, 2001</b>		
	<b>Down 2%</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Up 2%</b>
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents			
\$44,214	\$44,211	\$44,208	
Securities available for sale			
178,027	175,561	169,316	
Loans			
310,631	300,283	290,555	
Direct lease financing			
11,016	10,413	9,871	
Accrued interest receivable			
4,490	4,490	4,490	
Financial liabilities:			
Deposits			
\$377,125	\$371,012	\$367,947	
Securities sold under repurchase agreements and other short-term borrowings			
72,299	71,469	70,603	
Federal Home Loan Bank term advances			
10,226	9,979	8,832	
Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance			
1,004	1,004	1,004	
Accrued interest payable			
6,439	6,439	6,439	

	<b>Fair Value at December 31, 2000</b>		
	<b>Down 2%</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Up 2%</b>
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents			
\$31,189	\$31,187	\$31,185	
Securities available for sale			
193,250	190,050	181,994	
Loans			
313,509	303,309	293,677	
Direct lease financing			
8,284	8,717	4,999	
Accrued interest receivable			
4,816	4,816	4,816	
Financial liabilities:			
Deposits			
\$383,023	\$374,677	\$367,758	
Securities sold under repurchase agreements and other short-term			

borrowings	74,46773,61872,787
Federal Home Loan Bank term advances	10,00110,0009,999
Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	816816816
Accrued interest payable	6,2086,2086,208

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to sign on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized, on this 6th day of August 2001.

**NORTHERN STATES FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Date: August 6, 2001

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By: /s/ Fred Abdula

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Fred Abdula  
Chairman of the Board of  
Directors and President

Date: August 6, 2001

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By: /s/ Thomas M. Nemeth

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Thomas M. Nemeth  
Vice President and Treasurer