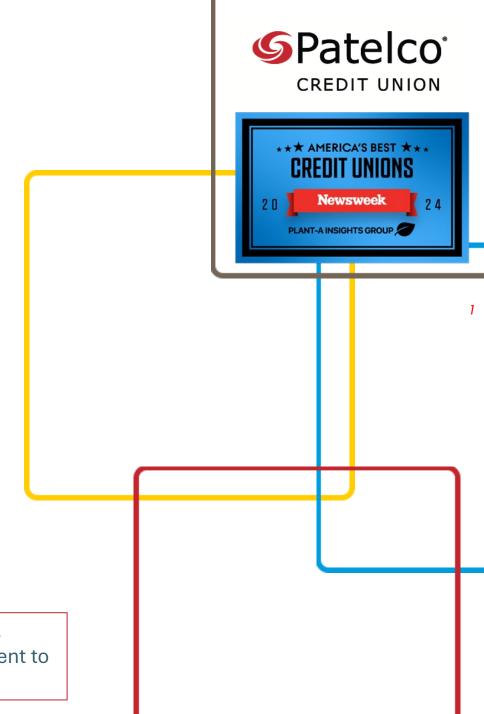
# State of the Credit Union Building a Better Patelco

For our members, communities and team members

Our Year in Review **2024** 

From supporting our members through economic challenges to enhancing financial services and risk management practices, this year's progress reflects our commitment to your success.







Strengthening Our Members' Financial Health & Wellbeing

# 2024 | Navigating Uncertainty...



Patelco members faced a complex economy with challenges and resilience



Persistent inflation & reduced purchasing power



High interest rates



Higher unemployment In California than national avg.



Increasing income divide



Higher housing costs



Higher energy & gas expenses



Immigration policies & labor strikes



Rapid adoption of Al



Unprecedented fraud & scam levels



Sophisticated cyber security threats

# ...And Patelco Members Confirm: Patelco Is Here For Their Financial Future

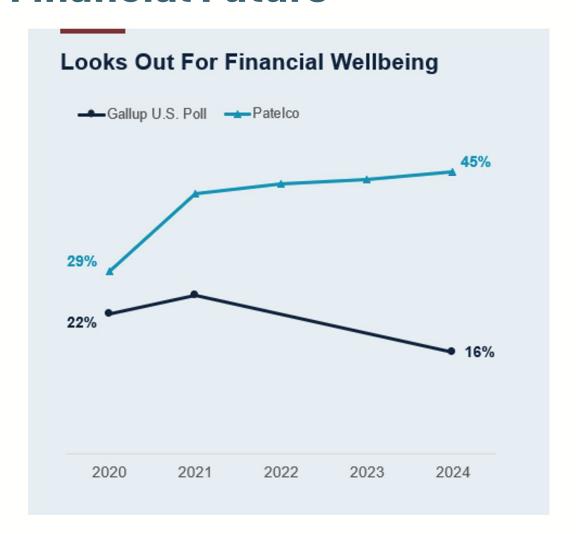


A recent Gallup survey shows that

Patelco Credit Union boosts financial wellbeing 3x more

than the national average for financial institutions.

45% vs 16%



# Inflation | Significantly Impacted Patelco Members Patelco **Day-to-Day Lives**



"Inflation hits hardest where it hurts most: in the lives of everyday families trying to make ends meet."

- Unknown

Increased cost of living Groceries

Utilities

Reduced purchasing power

Housing

Wages failed to keep pace with inflation

Discretionary spending reduced

Credit card debt

• Less attainable homeownership

Auto loan affordability

**High interest** rates

**Connecting** Patelco members to resources

Delivered 11,884 financial health referrals through SpringFour partner. Top categories for referrals: Food Savings, Heating and Utility cost, Employment Services **Patelco Members Struggled** 

Early 2024, 5,700+ Patelco members were over 30 days late on their loan payments.

3x more members than 2021.

500 members each month were unable to make payments and were charged off.

> Members had to prioritize which bills to pay first.

Leaving them vulnerable to late fees and negative credit score, amongst other stress.

# **Easing Our Members Burden During Difficult Times Is The Heartbeat Of Patelco**



"Patelco is always looking out for us by always adding great products to your lineup. My latest favorite is Instant BackUp. Unfortunately, lately I have not been able to get a job that pays very well. I was getting a lot of bounced items. It's cheaper to use Instant Backup then be charged the \$28 bounced fees."

"Patelco has always been so reasonable about the small things that go wrong with finances, missing a credit card payment or a momentary overdraft. I feel like your employees see me the way I see me, and not as a deadbeat or a criminal. Just someone who doesn't make a lot of money and is working hard."

"Patelco puts energy into relationship building and looking out for their members. I never feel shamed because of my income level, and always given a change and tools to develop a strong financial foundation."

# 



Patelco created a taskforce and launched new initiatives to help our most stressed

members

**Increased** outreach to struggling members

**Developed** member relief hub on Patelco.org

**Targeted** emails to most vulnerable members

**Seminars** focused on debt relief strategies and budgeting

Launched enhanced deferral program

Introduced credit card incentive paydown program

Proactive care calls to 10.4k members

Launched innovative account solutions to help members having trouble making loan payments



12k visits since launch in mid-2024 providing financial hardship education and solutions



Helped 162k members avoid late fees with payment due dates reminders



**Approximately** 4k members registered, 1.3k actively participated in 4 webinars focused on topics to help manage financial stress



Over 10.3k members benefitted from 'Skip-A-Pay' or 'Loan Deferral' options for enhanced financial planning



Est. 9k+members received over \$87k in incentives \$3.5 million

high interest balances were paid off

# **Empowering Our Members to Save, Reduce & Manage Debt**



# Easing Member Stress

4.5k+ loan payment deferrals with \$166 million deferred

#### Made Payments More Affordable

by restructuring 356 loans

#### **Rate Reductions**

to 10.7k+ members for making on-time payments.

Enrolled nearly 4.9k new members in LevelUp program

# Helped Members Establish or Re-build

a positive credit history and score while saving with 435 ScoreUp credit builder loans

#### **Switch to Save**

Lower credit card and personal loan rates helped members save an est. \$6.9 million in interest



Members saved with fixed lower rates on over 1.7k debt consolidation loans; ~\$25 million balances



Nearly 9.6k members used their Instant Backup line of credit (when short on funds) to pay for 244k+ transactions



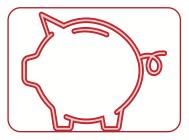
Reimbursed members over \$819k with our Patelco NSF fee cap

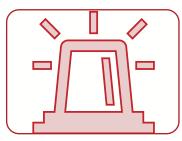
# **Expanding Financial Care**



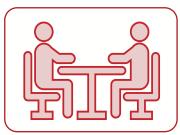
Our support extended to tailored conversations, tools, and services to further help our members













#### Certificates

Over 28k members benefited from higher certificate rates

#### **RoundUp Savings**

5.7k+ members saved \$808k of their own money with our new checking feature

#### **Account Alerts**

95k members set up and used alerts to help manage their finances and stay in control

#### Financial Wellbeing Personalization

Sent 8.3k emails with over 21k financial wellbeing programs/service resources shared

### Impactful Conversations

Branch team members had 12.4k+ financial wellbeing conversations (73% increase vs last year)

### **Complimentary Consultations**

Certified Financial Specialist Program grew to 540 clients (+128% PY)

## **Delivering on Our Mission**

First-Time, Middle-Income Homebuyer Assistance matching grant program



**FHLBank** San Francisco

Committed to fostering financial resilience and supporting the well-being of our members through homeownership.



Patelco partnered with FHL Bank in San Francisco to help more Bay Area residents achieve the dream of homeownership

Patelco assisted nine members with grants totaling \$450,000.

Downpayment and closing costs are significant barriers to homeownership

As home prices and interest rates have risen, middle-income households have faced even greater home buying challenges

Mandatory pre-purchase home ownership counseling is also provided

### **Member Care**

Members can rely on Patelco to deliver information on what matters most



Monthly Fraud Prevention

Economic Updates



Budgeting, Saving, & Spending Tips

**Digital Updates** 

Product Updates



#### **Best-in-class financial wellbeing content**

27 emails delivered 308k+ members engaged with each email 55% average open rate

vs. industry average of 35%

"I often get emails from Patelco of online information sessions which are helpful to my financial wellbeing."







"Patelco has great
outreach to its members. I
always get great
information with the
weekly emails. I appreciate
it so much. It's not your
average 'marketing
communication'. It doesn't
seem like spam like other
institutions."

# **Enhanced Fraud Support**

Extra services to further protect members





Don't get spoofed

Scammers are pretending to be Patelco and asking for information. Learn how to protect yourself here >

#### **Fraud Prevention**

- Prevented over \$13 million in member losses
- Launched new fraud rules, preventing \$1.7M in member losses
- Over 2.1k Trusted Contacts were added to member accounts significantly enhancing security and protection
- Implemented 24/7 fraud handling

#### **Expertise**

- Over 5k members received expert support for scam advice and fraud resolution from dedicated call center Fraud Experience team
- Delivered robust elder financial exploitation training for staff

#### **Digital Initiatives**

- Launched Modern ID
   verification and liveness
   checks during new member
   online account opening
   process to stop bad actors
   from joining Patelco. Estimated
   savings of \$431k in fraud
   avoidance.
- Enhanced Multi Factor
   Authentication (MFA)
   and frictionless 'real-person'
   verification during login
- Outbound call branding launched – calls from Patelco now appear as "Patelco Credit Union"

#### **Communications**

- Proactively informed over 67k members of incoming physical cards to protect from potential card theft fraud
- Sent 12 distinct emails to educate members on the latest fraud trends
- Ongoing fraud prevention education within Patelco.org, Online Banking, Mobile App, Social Media, Branches, Radio Ads, Podcasts





Advancing Community Wellbeing with Purpose

### **Delivering on Our Mission**

Committed to financial education



# Member Webinars & Podcast



- Nearly 14k registered for Patelco's monthly webinars that welcomed over 4.6k live attendees (+24% YOY)
- Recorded and published 17 podcast episodes in 2024, bringing total episodes to 34, and gained over 1.7k podcast additional downloads (+23% YOY)



#### **Reaching Youth & the Community**

- 212 financial wellness workshops and webinars (+32% YOY) delivered bringing financial wellness directly to over 3.5k attendees
- Held 3 Bite of Reality budgeting simulations for 188 teens
- Sponsored 6 local high schools and provided education to 698 students through Banzai financial education platform
- Banzai financial education content utilized for over 45k articles and calculators by members in 2024



Patelco Wins 2024

MasterCard® Segment Award

for 'Doing Well by Doing

Good' Impact



## **Connected to Our Community**

Meeting the community where they are

- 65 major community events & cultural festivals executed with
   27 Patelco branches resulting in 500+ new members
- Delivered 30 financial education workshops for college students at City College of San Francisco, College of San Mateo, Merritt, Chabot, Laney, Las Positas Colleges and more
- Supported the ITIN population with a taskforce made up of 14 team members that combined community activities and wellness presentations with the needed products and services.
   Activities resulted in 121% growth in ITIN memberships.











"The practical tools and foundation you shared were invaluable to our attendees; many expressed that they felt more empowered to take control of their financial futures.

Thank you once again for your support. I'm sure that with partners like you, we can continue to create lasting, positive change in our community."

-Spirit Equity

## **Spotlight: Community Engagement Leaders**

Honoring their dedication and impact



#### JOURNEY TO SUPPORT REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS: PATELCO IN NORTHERN CALIFORNI

Patelco Credit Union prioritized community engagement as a first step in its journey to support refugees and migrants. Patelco serves communities across Northern California, including the Bay Area, Sacramento, and San Jose, as well as the employees of over 100 Jarea and small businesses throughout the country. A the largest credit unions in the U.S., i has made a name for itself by proact expanding services to underserved p lations, such as first-generation high and college students and individuals have been formerly incarcerated.

#### Reaping the Positive Results of their Efforts

The results to date have validated the Membership Development Team's underlying conviction that proactively supporting the financial inclusion of migrants and refugees is a valuable long term business strategy for Patelco. They have also challenged internal negative conceptions about migrant populations, especially that they are poor, are not good savers, and would not be profitable members. The following statistics illustrate Patelco's experience with ITIN members:

 ITIN members who have joined since launching the ITIN Task Force have the highest relative percentage of savings across Patelco. ITIN members who joined Patelco during this time were highly engaged, with an average of nearly two deposit products per membership, over \$6,500 in balances, and 160 total loan products.

#### **World Council of Credit Unions Study**

Featured Shaida Samimi, Financial Wellness Partner



Study Also Recognized Membership Development Team's Efforts
Patelco was 1 of 5 credit unions globally featured in this study



#### **2024 Tomorrow's Star Award Winner**

Leo Rosales, Sr. Community
Engagement Specialist
for Community Engagement efforts
California and Nevada Credit Union League

# **Financial Wellness Partnerships**

Meaningful partnerships that support financial health



#### **Employer Partners**

- Patelco at Work launched 33 new partners, growing partnerships to over 110 and total employee reach to over 54k
- The team conducted 97 on-sites at company locations and delivered 122 financial wellness workshops for Patelco at Work partners
- Nearly 900 new members (+23%YOY) joined from Patelco at Work partners

#### **Non-Profit Partnerships**

Patelco launched SPARK Your Savings emergency savings grant program in partnership with United Way Bay Area and their SparkPoint Centers.

SPARK Your Savings helped low-income individuals establish an emergency fund and create savings habits to increase their financial wellness. Results included:

- 63 enrollees in the program
- 48 graduates who successfully achieved \$300 in emergency savings
- \$4.8k in grant payouts towards emergency savings



### **Service In Action**







#### **Together We Serve**

- 43% of our team members volunteered 1.8k+ hours
- Bought 650 holiday gifts wrapped by 75 team members distributed to Bay Area families
- Hosted 3 blood drives providing 84 pints of blood to the community in the Bay Area and Merced
- Purchased and built 63 bikes for kids, providing a helmet with each one

#### Affordable Housing with Habitat for Humanity

- Hosted the Cycle of Hope at HQ helping Habitat for Humanity raise \$328k+
- Built and decorated 6 playhouses for low-income families

#### Children's Health

- Created 1.6k encouraging cards for kids staying in the hospital
- Donated 20 boxes of toiletries for their families

#### **Creating Food Security**

- Donated the equivalent of 150k+ meals
- Provided 628 volunteer hours to food banks









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# **Industry Recognition**











Investopedia

Best Bad Credit Loans
Best Emergency Loans for Bad Credit

SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS TIMES

Top 100 Corporate Philanthropists in the Bay Area

Ranked by 2023 cash contributions to Bay Area charities









Best credit union personal loan

Best for small home improvement projects





Patelco created its inaugural **Patelco Money Under 30 Newsletter** to provide further resources to members on financial education.





**Patelco Financial Solutions** at Patelco Credit Union

**Director: Carolyn Wilson** 





Tomorrow's Star Award: Honors the efforts of up-and-coming credit union leaders aged 35 and under, and encourages the development of future leaders.

Leo Rosales, Senior Community Engagement Specialist at Patelco Credit Union



10 Most Respected Credit Unions in America for 2024

**Patelco Credit Union** 

#1 Credit Union for Charitable Giving





# **Creating Opportunities for Member Savings**



**Total Members** 498,784

|                            |   | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|----------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2024<br>Member<br>Benefits | Total CU benefits per<br>member                       | \$133 | \$181 | \$180 | \$253 | \$189 | \$225 | \$234 | \$274 | \$319 | \$282 |
|                            | Total CU benefits per<br>high-use member<br>household | \$252 | \$344 | \$377 | \$532 | \$397 | \$472 | \$491 | \$575 | \$669 | \$592 |

Plus, loyal members who used Patelco for most of their banking needs **received over \$1,500 in direct financial benefits in 2024** 

# **Everyday Patelco Solutions**



Supporting savings and responsible borrowing for financial stability



Nearly 17k vehicle loans with \$634 million in balances



6.4k+ members saved on their EV auto loan



452 1st mortgage loans with \$439 million in balances



101 home loans refinanced with \$70 million in balances



Over 1.5k equity lines & loans with \$216 million in balances



Over 6.8k
personal loans
with \$66 million in
balances

#### **Money Market Plus**

Over 20.7k new accounts opened with \$903 million in balances



Higher Dividends Money Market Plus

Members received a dividend return of \$52.5 million



#### **Certificates**

Managed the maturity of \$2.06 billion; effectively retaining over 96% of balances



#### **Investments**

Helped over 6.6k members with their long-term financial goals





Optimizing Delivery Channels & Feedback Loops to Better Connect with Members

# **Delivery Channel Enhancements**

Strengthening the value and connection to every member we serve



"When I called and had an issue, they directed me to the right department. They are very understanding and sensitive."

"I can contact Patelco and get a compassionate response."

"Since there are no branches near my home, having access to the virtual branch has been a great add-on."

"I had excellent service, prompt and responsive and achieved what I set out to accomplish. Thank you for the CHAT option!"



- New Branch Taskforce Team: skill development and real-world experience while optimizing our business through the insights of our frontline team members
- Specialized training for front line team members: 1) empathy 2) life stages & tailoring conversations 3) enhanced Patelco value proposition 4) economy & rate change impact 5) core deposit products
- Supported 190 change initiatives
- Rolled out new member application platform pilot to improve and speed up the new account opening process



- Expanded members served to over 13k virtually
- Connected with over 1.6k community business owners to share information about Patelco's new Business Banking products and services

- Over 153k member chat sessions & strong member satisfaction at 81%
- Received over 280k member questions

- with 2.3k+ member enrollments MCC repeat calls reduced by 32% vs last year
- Balance Transfer automation resulted in 219 hours of savings
- MCC recovered to pre-incident wait times and service levels within 90 days (average wait time of 3 minutes and abandon rates below 9%)

• Voice Biometric authentication assisted enrollment and scoring launched

• Revised the Smart Teller menu routing resulted in a 20% increase in first contact resolution

**Call Center** 

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# **Digital & Online Banking Enhancements**

Greater ease and convenience for busy lives



# Self serve tools

- Self-serve Instant BackUp® provides access to immediate overdraft protection
- Comprehensive self-serve Loan Payoff tool
- Recurring payments for variablerate mortgage and HELOC accounts
- Convenient Certificate Renewal tool allows members to skip a trip to the branch and renew their share certificate up to 30 days prior to maturity date
- Full rollout of online wire 60% now member initiated
- Digital demo videos were viewed over 17k

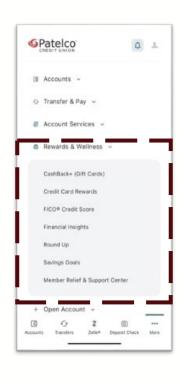
# Easy-to-access statements

- Statements now available in Mobile App
- Simplified eStatement enrollment process makes going paperless quick and easy



# Seamless navigation refresh

 Refreshed, intuitive navigation with new Rewards & Wellness category



## **Problem Resolution Improvements**

We are at our best when members need us most



#### **Addressing the Gaps**

Implemented closed-loop messaging for critical member requests to ensure timely communication and clear resolution

Aligned service level agreements organization wide to ensure a membercentric approach across all channels

Enabled team to resolve issues at first contact, minimizing member handoff and improved experience

Re-engineered key processes to reduce friction and stress

Focused on identifying the root cause of complaints and quickly implementing effective solutions

#### Listening, Learning, Improving

#### **Surveys**

- 8.2k+ members took surveys after they interacted with Patelco
- Over 4.6k comments provided; all read and shaping our actions

#### CEO Breakfast

- 23 CEO Breakfasts and Lunches with our CEO & Patelco team to gather insights from front-and back-office teams
- Meetings yielded over 150 pieces of feedback, leading to 36 improvements and 20 more in progress

# Listening Post

- Received over 580 submissions from team members on enhancing experience, process, and technology
- Led to 69 improvements in the member experience and team member experience

# Complaint & Problem Resolution System

- Formal process for capturing member complaints
- Improved first contact resolution with a 50% reduction of internal queue transfers





# June 29th Security Incident



Our unwavering focus was on protecting our members, ensuring members had access to their funds and providing transparent communications







From start to finish, informing members with care and clarity

Daily CEO Communications

Security Update Website

Dedicated Security Incident Hotline Fee Waivers & 3<sup>rd</sup>-Party Fee Reimbursements

Late Payment Letter Support Loan Repayment
Program Members with
Negative Balances

### **June 2024 Ransomware Attack**

#### Timeline of events



June 29: Patelco proactively shut down day-to-day banking systems\*

July 1: Transaction files were accepted to support members banking needs

**July 15:** Successfully restored core banking services & transactions

**Aug 20:** Notification of unauthorized access to member information

Oct 15: Final 3<sup>rd</sup>-party fee reimbursement and fee reversals











Limited functionality for debit cards, credit cards, ATMS.

Online banking, Mobile App, balance and transaction history unavailable.

Branches & call center were open with limited technology.

Transaction files were accepted to keep members automated and card transactions flowing.

This allowed for card transactions, automated payments and deposits via ACH, established bill payments, and in clearing checks to be uninterrupted.

Access restored to Mobile App, online banking.

Most functionality and member services available. Transaction backlog posted. Provided complimentary two-year credit monitoring for adults and minors for those impacted.

Dedicated call center to answer questions.

Over 1.4k members received over 2k 3<sup>rd</sup> party fee reimbursements.

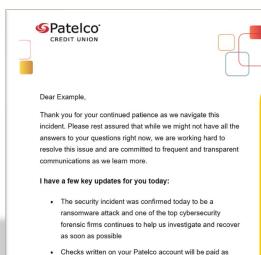
Overall, \$1.6 million of fees were waived and over \$500k of reimbursed fees (Patelco & 3<sup>rd</sup> party fees).

<sup>\*</sup> Patelco did not pay the ransom demanded by the threat actor as it was determined that they were connected to a sanctioned entity.

# **Security Incident Emails**

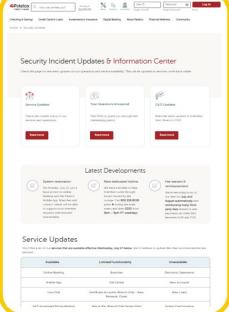
Communications were sent consistently to help reassure members





Over 290k members regularly read each of our 12 incident updates

usual (but expect a delay on it debiting your account)



Security incident hub

Over 545k visits to Security Updates and Information Center "The Patelco team has gone above and beyond to deliver excellent member service to generate restored confidence among members.

A natural outcome of this would be members feeling more supported/cared for."

- Gallup partner



# **Cyber Security Program**



Enhanced enterprise controls to protect Patelco and members

**During Security Incident** 

Worked with leading cyber security forensic firm & law enforcement

Meticulously examined, rebuilt and bolstered systems with additional detection and protection tools

**Post Security Incident** 

Made strategic investments in advanced tools, teams and partners

Fortifying risk management practices and protocols





# **Financial Safety and Soundness**



Patelco is well capitalized

Patelco's liquidity is very strong

Patelco has a Net Worth Ratio of 10.40%

Net Worth is the capital Patelco holds and is central to its ability to absorb unexpected losses

The Net Worth Ratio describes the capital Patelco holds relative to its total assetts Patelco has a Risk-Based Capital Ratio of 17.30%

The Risk-Based Capital
Ratio measures capital
relative to the risk
exposure of the
underlying assets

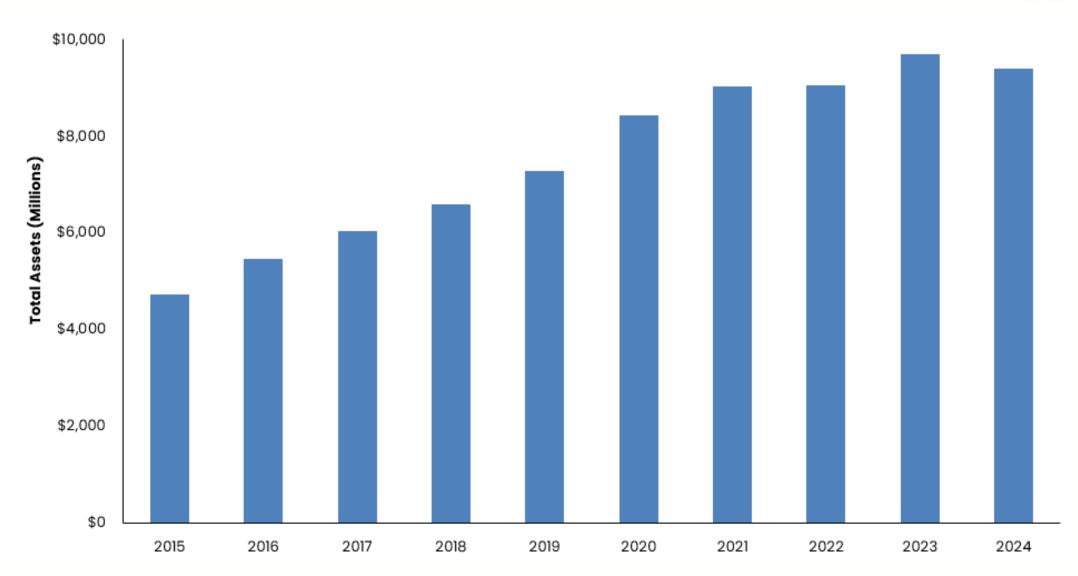
NCUA considers credit unions with a minimum net worth ratio of 7% and a minimum risk-based capital ratio of 10% to be well capitalized Patelco has total liquidity over \$4.1 billion

Includes cash, unpledged securities and remaining borrowing capacity

As of 12/31/2024, 95% of deposits are insured by the NCUA

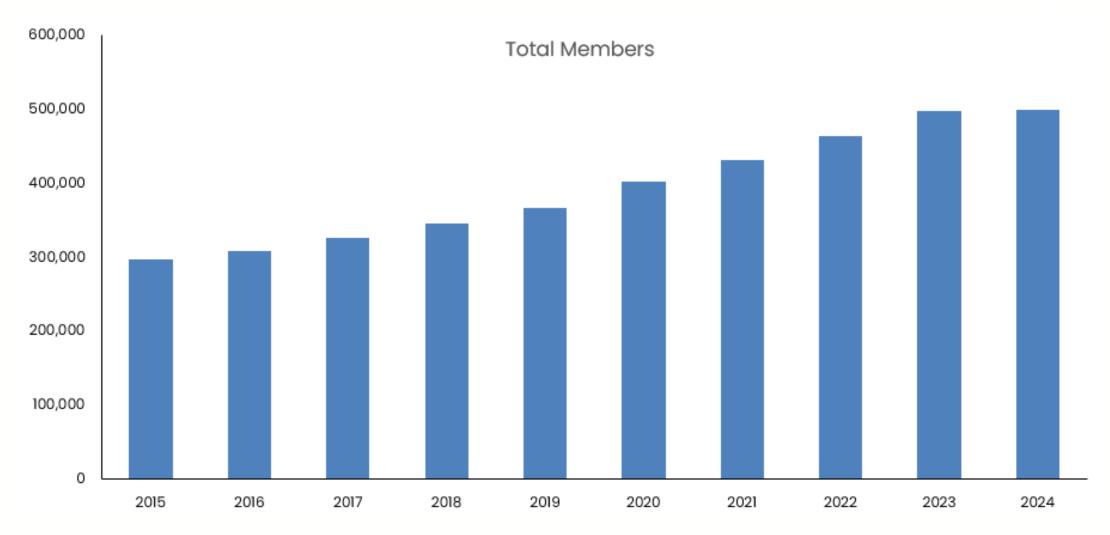
## **Total Assets**





# Membership

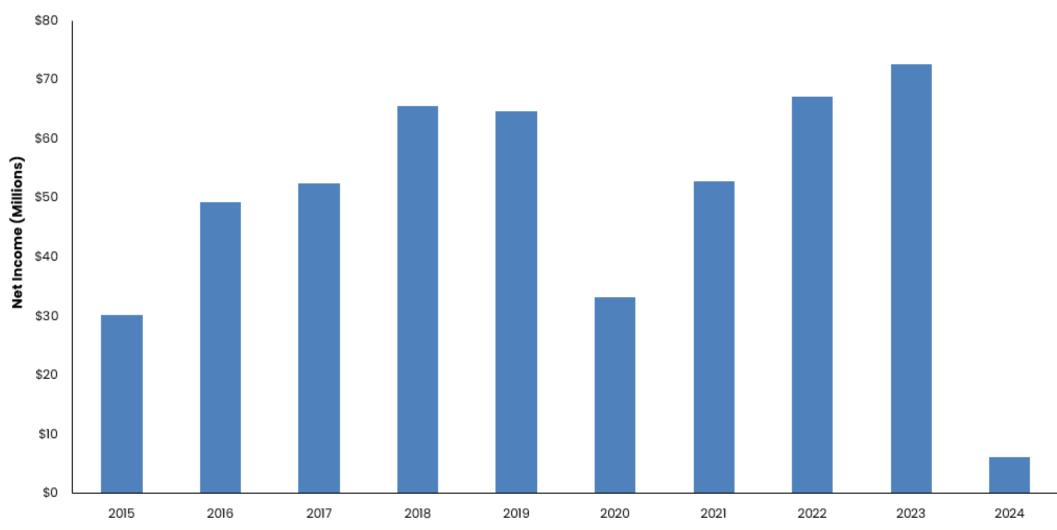




Note: 5,844 memberships were closed in 2024 due to first party fraud resulting from the Security Incident.

# **Net Income**

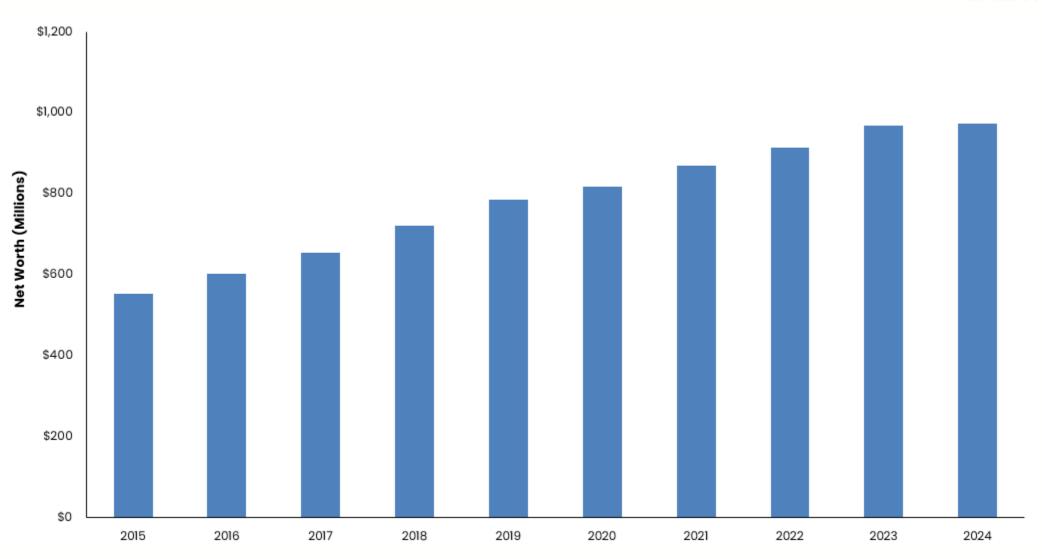




Note: The Security Incident impact to Net Income is estimated to be (\$64 million) which decreases the ROA by 68 bps.

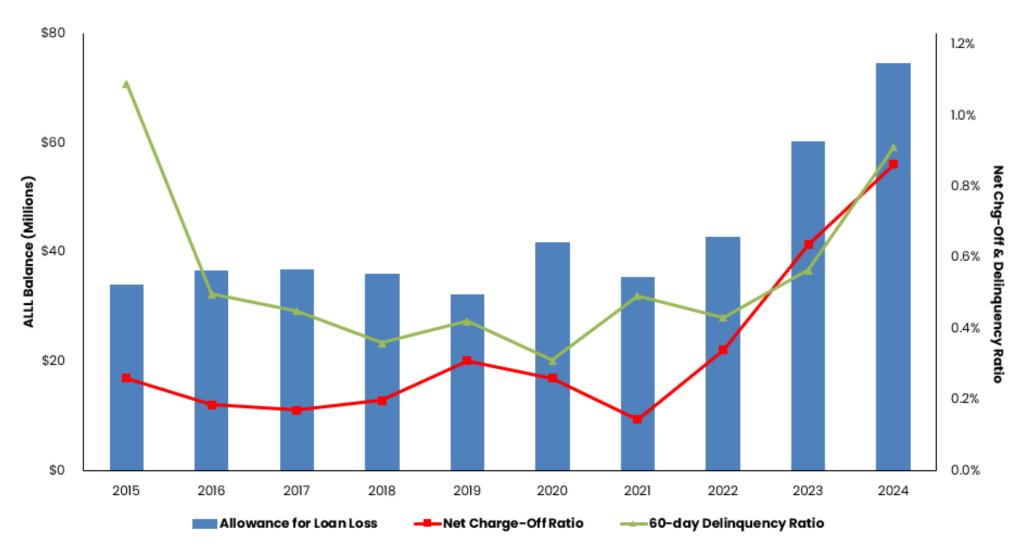
## **Net Worth**





# **Credit Quality**

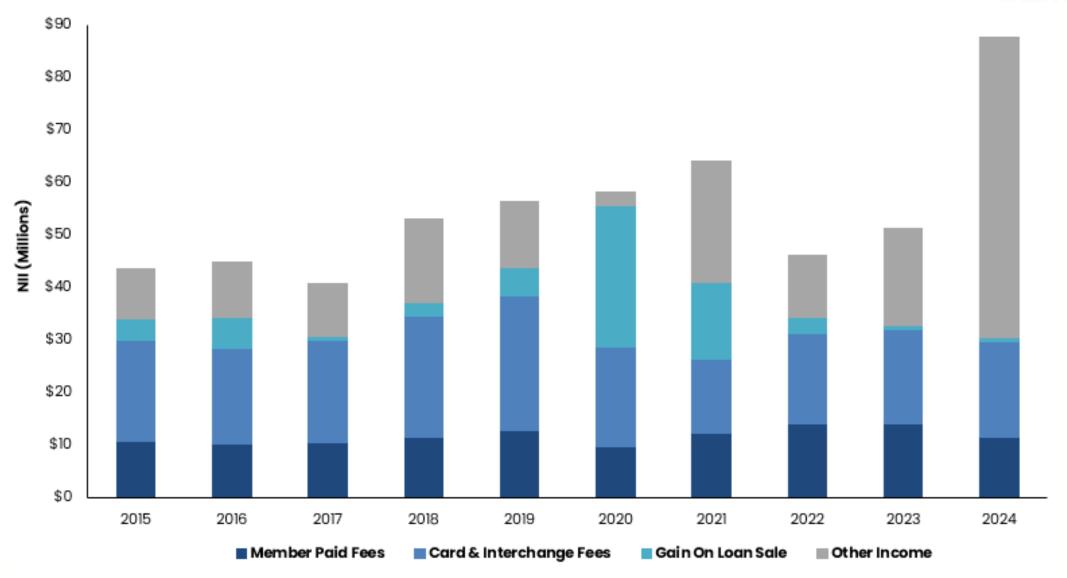




Note: The Security Incident impact to Net Charge-Offs is estimated to be \$3 million which increases the Net-Charge-Off Ratio by 4 bps.

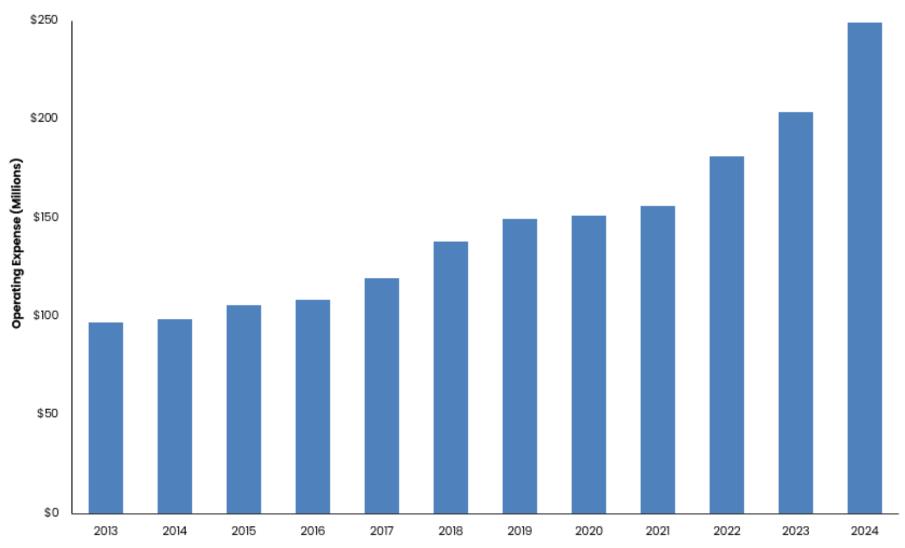
### **Non-Interest Income**





# **Operating Expenses**

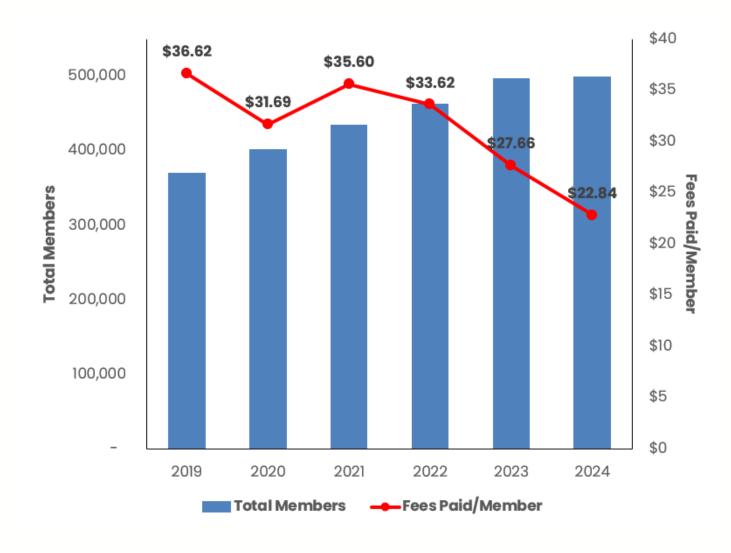




Note: Security Incident resulted in \$40 million of additional operating expenses, increasing the operating expense ratio by 43bps.

# Fees Paid per Member





Note: Security Incident resulted in \$1.6 million of waived fees and \$0.5 million of reimbursed fees.





Industry Comparisons
As of Dec 31, 2024

# **2024 Industry Comparison**



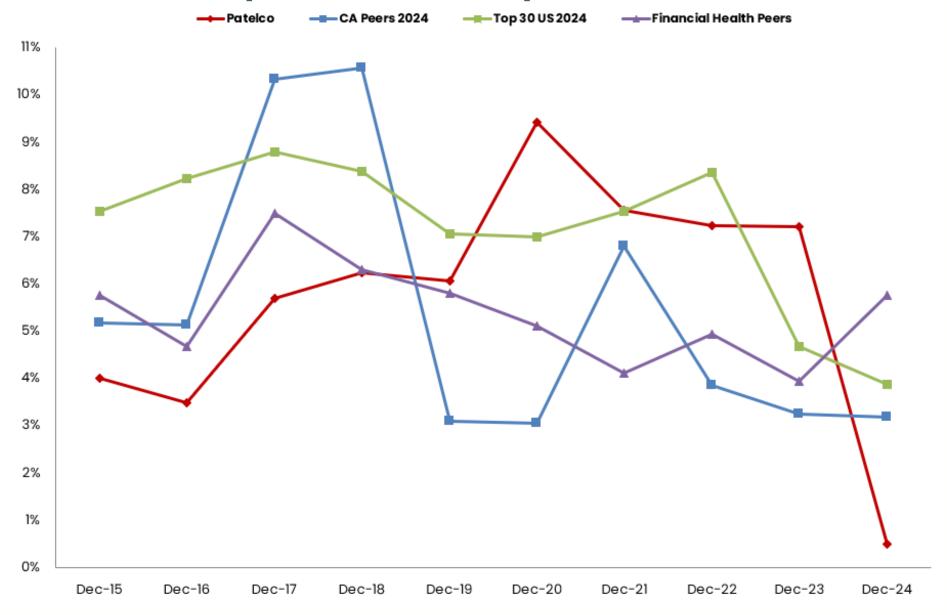
| Full Year Results*      | Patelco | CA Peers 2024<br>Peer Average | Top 30 US 2024<br>Peer Average | Financial Health<br>Peer Average | CA Banks<br>\$1-50B | USA Banks<br>\$1-50B |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Interest Income         | 4.60%   | 4.39%                         | 4.95%                          | 5.22%                            | 5.01%               | 5.36%                |
| Interest Expense        | 2.11%   | 1.80%                         | 2.23%                          | 2.05%                            | 1.84%               | 2.18%                |
| Net Interest Margin     | 2.49%   | 2.59%                         | 2.72%                          | 3.17%                            | 3.17%               | 3.18%                |
| Provision for Loan Loss | 0.74%   | 0.34%                         | 0.64%                          | 0.70%                            | 0.14%               | 0.21%                |
| Non-Interest Income     | 0.92%   | 0.97%                         | 0.92%                          | 1.22%                            | 1.65%               | 1.13%                |
| Operating Expense Ratio | 2.60%   | 2.71%                         | 2.48%                          | 3.26%                            | 2.62%               | 2.70%                |
| Return on Assets**      | 0.06%   | 0.52%                         | 0.52%                          | 0.43%                            | 1.45%               | 1.12%                |

<sup>\*</sup> All metrics based on average annual assets

<sup>\*\*</sup> Bank results include tax expense

# **Membership Growth Comparison**





<u>10 Yr. Avg.</u>

Patelco: **5.75%** 

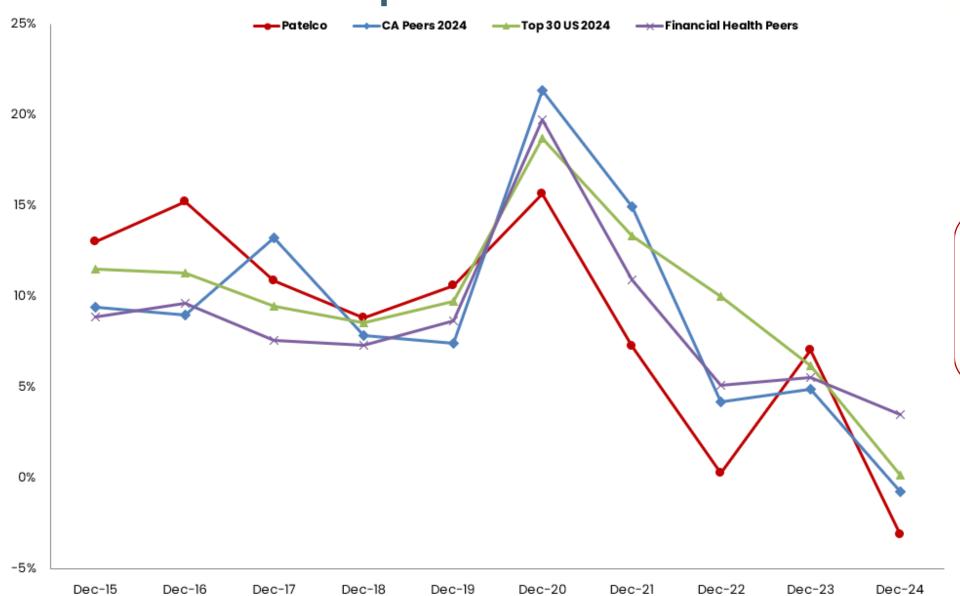
CA Peers 2024: **5.45%** 

Top 30 US 2024: **7.15%** 

Financial Health: 5.39%

# **Asset Growth Comparison**





10 Yr. Avg.

Patelco: **8.57%** 

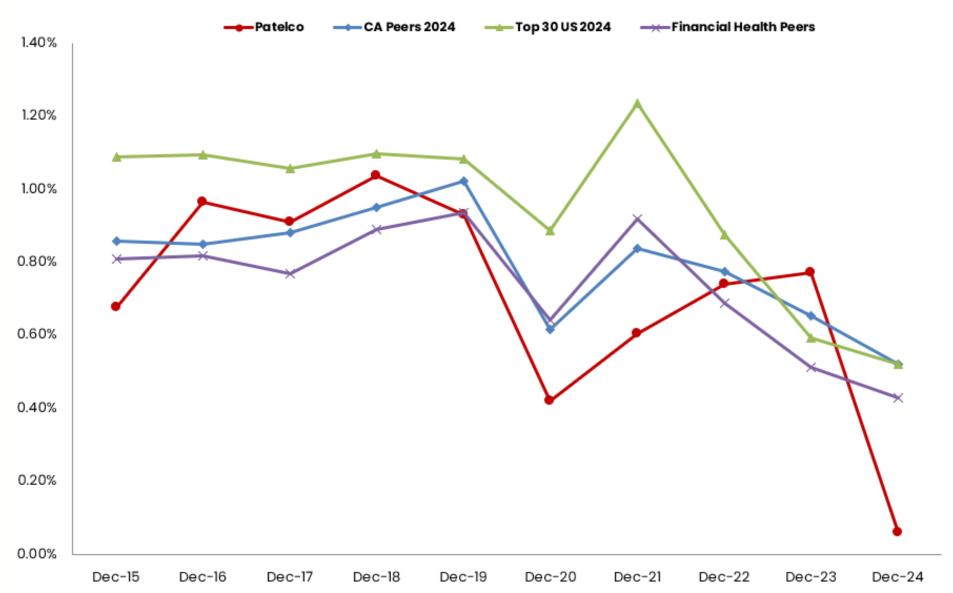
**CA Peers 9.16%** 

Top 30 US: **9.90%** 

Financial Health: 8.69%

# **Return on Assets Comparison**





10 Yr. Avg.

Patelco: **0.71%** 

CA Peers: **0.80%** 

Top 30 US: **0.95%** 

Financial Health: 0.74%



Thank you