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NBT Bancorp Announces Annual Earnings of \$50.0 Million and Stock Buyback; Declares Cash Dividend

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NORWICH, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 24, 2005--NBT Bancorp Inc. (NBT) (NASDAQ:NBTB) reported today that net income for the year ended December 31, 2004, was \$50.0 million, or \$1.51 per diluted share, up 6% compared with \$47.1 million or \$1.43 per diluted share for the same period in 2003. The increase in net income for the year ended December 31, 2004, was primarily the result of increases in net interest income of \$6.1 million and noninterest income of \$3.1 million that was partially offset by a \$5.3 million increase in noninterest expense. Return on average assets and return on average equity were 1.21% and 15.69%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2004, compared with 1.22% and 15.90%, respectively, for the same period in 2003.

Net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, was \$12.5 million, or \$0.38 per diluted share, up 6% on a per diluted share basis from \$11.9 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share for the same period a year ago. The increase in net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, was primarily the result of an increase in net interest income of \$1.3 million as well as decreases in the provision for loan and lease losses of \$0.6 million and income tax expense of \$1.1 million that was partially offset by a \$2.6 million increase in noninterest expense. Annualized return on average assets and return on average equity were 1.18% and 15.08%, respectively, for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, compared with 1.17% and 15.47%, respectively, for the same period in 2003.

NBT Chairman and CEO Daryl R. Forsythe stated, "With net income just over \$50 million, NBT delivered another year of solid performance in 2004. Our performance continues to be driven by strong loan growth and maintaining excellent credit quality. Our expansion efforts in the Albany and Binghamton markets helped contribute to another solid year of strong core deposit growth. As in 2004, 2005 will be a year of investment in our newer banking markets, as NBT plans to continue expansion in Albany and northeastern Pennsylvania to complement the solid foundation we have built for continuing growth while building additional shareholder value."

Loan and Lease Quality and Provision for Loan and Lease Losses

Nonperforming loans at December 31, 2004 were \$16.2 million or 0.56% of total loans and leases compared with \$14.8 million or 0.56% of total loans and leases at December 31, 2003. The Company's allowance for loan and lease losses was 1.57% of loans and leases at December 31, 2004 compared with 1.62% at December 31, 2003. The ratio of the allowance for loan and lease losses to nonperforming loans was 277.75% at December 31, 2004 compared with 287.62% at December 31, 2003. Net charge-offs to average loans and leases for the year ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, were 0.27%, respectively.

For the year and quarter ended December 31, 2004, the provision for loan and lease losses totaled \$9.6 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, compared with the \$9.1 million and \$3.3 million for the same periods in 2003. The increase in the provision for loan and lease losses for the year ended December 31, 2004, when compared with the same period in 2003 resulted mainly from continued loan growth and a slight increase in nonperforming loans. The decrease in the provision for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, when compared with the same period in the prior year was due to a higher net charge-off rate for the quarter ended December 31, 2003, as well as a stronger loan growth rate for that same period.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income for the year ended December 31, 2004 increased 4% to \$150.5 million from \$144.4 million in the same period for 2003. The Company's net interest margin was 4.03% for the year ended December 31, 2004 compared with 4.16% in 2003. Net interest income was up 4% to \$38.7 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, compared with \$37.3 million for the same period a year ago. The increase in net interest income was due primarily to a 5% increase in average earning assets offset by a slight decline in the Company's net interest margin, which was 4.03% for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, down from 4.07% for the same period in 2003. The increase in average earning assets was due primarily to loan growth, as average loans were up 9% for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, when compared with the same period in 2003. The Company's net interest margin of 4.03% for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, improved from the net interest margin for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 of 3.99%, as the Company benefited from the recent increases in the federal funds rate during the second half of 2004.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$40.9 million, up \$3.1 million or 8% from \$37.8 million for the same period in 2003. Service charges on deposit accounts for the year ended December 31, 2004, increased \$0.6 million or 4% over the same period in 2003. The increase in service charges on deposit accounts resulted primarily from higher revenue collected for overdraft fees. Revenue from trust services increased \$0.6 million or 14% for the year ended December 31, 2004, over the same period in 2003, due in part to an increase in assets under management resulting from improved stock market conditions and an increase in the number of managed asset accounts. Income from BOLI increased \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, over the same period in the prior year resulting from the purchase of \$30 million in BOLI in June 2003. Other income increased \$1.3 million or 13% primarily from increases in revenue from ATM fees and other consumer and commercial banking fees. Noninterest income for the quarter ended December 31, 2004 was \$10.3 million, up \$0.2 million from \$10.1 million for the same period in 2003.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense for the year ended December 31, 2004, was \$109.8 million, up \$5.3 million or 5% from \$104.5 million for the same period in 2003. The increase in noninterest expense was due largely to increases in salaries and employee benefits, occupancy expense, professional fees and outside services and a \$2.0 million goodwill impairment charge partially offset by decreases in loan collection and OREO expenses and other operating expense. Salaries and employee benefits increased \$4.5 million primarily from increases in full-time-equivalent employees and merit increases as well as an increase in medical insurance costs and incentive compensation. Occupancy expense increased \$0.6 million primarily from branch expansion in the Albany and Binghamton markets. Professional fees and outside services increased \$0.7 million mainly from higher courier, legal and audit costs. The \$2.0 million goodwill impairment charge resulted from the expected sale of the Company's broker/dealer subsidiary in the first quarter of 2005. Loan collection and OREO costs decreased \$0.6 million from a decrease in OREO expenses resulting from a decline in the

number of OREO properties under management as OREO totaled \$0.4 million at December 31, 2004, compared to \$1.2 million at December 31, 2003. Other operating expense decreased \$1.3 million primarily from the reversal of a previously accrued \$1.4 million liability that was determined in the fourth quarter of 2004 to no longer be required.

Noninterest expense for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, was \$29.4 million, up \$2.6 million or 10% from \$26.8 million for the same period in 2003. The increase in noninterest expense resulted principally from increases in salaries and benefits of \$1.7 million and the previously mentioned \$2.0 million goodwill impairment charge offset by an \$0.8 million decrease in other operating expense. The increase in salaries and benefits was driven primarily by higher salaries expense resulting from an increase in full-time-equivalent employees and merit increases as well as increases in medical insurance and retirement expense. The decrease in other operating expense resulted from the previously mentioned reversal of a previously accrued \$1.4 million liability that was determined to no longer be required.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, was \$4.4 million, down \$1.1 million from the \$5.5 million recorded during the same period in 2003. The effective rate for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, was 25.8%, down from 31.4% for the same period in 2003. The decrease in tax expense and the effective tax rate for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, was due to the reversal of a previously accrued \$0.8 million liability that was determined to no longer be required.

Balance Sheet

Total assets were \$4.2 billion at December 31, 2004 up \$0.2 billion from \$4.0 billion at December 31, 2003. Loans and leases increased \$0.2 billion or 9% from \$2.6 billion at December 31, 2003 to \$2.9 billion at December 31, 2004. Loan growth was driven predominantly by consumer loans and commercial loans. Total deposits were \$3.1 billion at December 31, 2004, up \$0.1 billion from \$3.0 billion at December 31, 2003. Core deposits, which include checking, savings and money market accounts increased \$0.1 billion or 3% from \$1.9 billion at December 31, 2003 to \$2.0 billion at December 31, 2004. Meanwhile, average core deposits for the year ended December 31, 2004 increased 12% to \$2.0 billion from \$1.8 billion for the same period in 2003. Stockholders' equity was \$332.2 million representing a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 7.13% at December 31, 2004 compared with \$310.0 million or a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 6.76% at December 31, 2003.

Dividend Declared

The NBT Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.19 per share at a meeting held today. The dividend will be paid on March 15, 2005, to shareholders of record as of March 1, 2005.

Other Matters

NBT announced today that it has acquired EPIC Advisors, Inc. ("EPIC"), effective January 21, 2004. EPIC, located in Rochester, NY, is engaged primarily in the administration of corporate pension and 401 (k) plans. NBT President Martin A. Dietrich stated, "EPIC is a growing, well-managed firm with a great group of employees and the right customer base for us. The acquisition of EPIC will allow us to offer our Trust customers additional services from a quality firm. EPIC will play an important role in diversifying our revenue channels and strengthening our position as a full-service financial resource provider for our customers." NBT also announced today that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its broker-dealer subsidiary, M. Griffith, Inc. The sale is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2005.

Stock Buyback

NBT announced today that the NBT Board of Directors authorized a new repurchase program whereby NBT intends to repurchase up to an additional 1,500,000 shares (approximately 5%) of its outstanding common stock from time to time as market conditions warrant in open market and privately negotiated transactions. Currently, there are 719,800 shares remaining under a previous authorization that will be superseded by the new repurchase program. Under the program no shares will knowingly be repurchased from officers and directors of NBT or from persons who hold in excess of five percent of its outstanding shares of common stock. The Company repurchased a total of 423,989 shares in the year ended December 31, 2004, at an average price of \$21.58 per share. Total cash paid for these repurchases was \$9.1 million. Total shares outstanding at December 31, 2004 were 32.9 million shares, compared to 32.8 million shares at December 31, 2003.

Corporate Overview

NBT is a financial services holding company headquartered in Norwich, NY, with total assets of \$4.2 billion at December 31, 2004. The Company primarily operates through NBT Bank, N.A., a full-service community bank with two divisions and through a financial services company. NBT Bank, N.A. has 114 locations, including 73 NBT Bank offices in upstate New York and 41 Pennstar Bank offices in northeastern Pennsylvania. More information about NBT and its banking divisions can be found on the Internet at www.nbtbancorp.com, www.nbtbank.com, and www.pennstarbank.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties and are based on the beliefs and assumptions of the management of NBT Bancorp and its subsidiaries and on the information available to management at the time that these statements were made. There are a number of factors, many of which are beyond NBT's control, that could cause actual conditions, events or results to differ significantly from those described in the forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements include, among others, the following possibilities: (1) competitive pressures among depository and other financial institutions may increase significantly; (2) revenues may be lower than expected; (3) changes in the interest rate environment may reduce interest margins; (4) general economic conditions, either nationally or regionally, may be less favorable than expected, resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality and/or a reduced demand for credit; (5) legislative or regulatory changes, including changes in accounting standards and tax laws, may adversely affect the businesses in which NBT is engaged; (6) competitors may have greater financial resources and develop products that enable such competitors to compete more successfully than NBT; and (7) adverse changes may occur in the securities markets or with respect to inflation. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Except as required by law, NBT does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent circumstances or events.

NBT Bancorp Inc. SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (unaudited)

	2004	2003	Net Change	
	except sha	(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)		
Three Months Ended December 31,				
Net Income Diluted Earnings	\$12,491	\$11,882	\$609	5%
Per Share Weighted Average Diluted Common Shares	\$0.38	\$0.36	\$0.02	6%
Outstanding Return on Average	33,155,085	33,070,298	84,787	0%
Assets	1.18%	1.17%	0.01%	1%
Return on Average Equity	15.08%	15.47%	-0.39%	-3%
Net Interest Margin		4.07%	-0.04%	-1%
Twelve Months Endeo				
December 31,	1			
Net Income Diluted Earnings	\$50,047	\$47,104	\$2,943	6%
Per Share Weighted Average Diluted Common Shares	\$1.51	\$1.43	\$0.08	6%
Outstanding	33,086,716	32,843,582	243,134	1%
Return on Average Assets	1.21%	1.22%	-0.01%	-1%
Return on Average Equity	15.69%	15.90%	-0.21%	-1%
Net Interest Margin	4.03%	4.16%	-0.13%	-3%

Asset Quality	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003		
Nonaccrual Loans 90 Days Past Due and Still	\$14,991	\$13,861		
Accruing	\$1,186	\$968		
Total				
Nonperforming Loans	\$16,177	\$14,829		
Other Real Estate Owned (OREO) Total	\$428	\$1,157		
Nonperforming				
Loans and OREO Nonperforming	\$16,605	\$15,986		
Securities	\$0	\$395		
Total				
Nonperforming				
Assets	\$16,605	\$16,381		

Allowance for Loan		0.2.0	440 CE1			
and Lease Losses Year-to-Date (YTD)		,932	\$42,651			
Net Charge-Offs		334	\$6,627			
Allowance to Loans			, .			
and Leases	1.57%		1.62%			
Total						
Nonperforming						
Loans to Loans	0 56%		0 5 6 0			
and Leases	0.56%		0.56%			
Total Nonperforming						
Assets to Assets	0.39%		0.40%			
Allowance to	0		0.100			
Nonperforming						
Loans	277	.75%	287.62%			
Annualized Net						
Charge-Offs to						
YTD Average						
Loans and	0	079	0 070			
Leases	0	.2/%	0.27%			
Capital						
Equity to Assets	7	.89%	7.66%			
Book Value Per						
Share	\$10	.11	\$9.46			
Tangible Book						
Value Per Share	\$8.66		\$7.94			
Tier 1 Leverage	F 100					
Ratio Tier 1 Capital	7.13%		6.76%			
Ratio	9.78%		9.96%			
Total Risk-Based	2.708		5.500			
Capital Ratio	11	.04%	11.21%			
Quarterly Common						
Stock Price	20 ui <i>c</i> h		200 Lich		2002	Low
	20 High	04 Low	200 High	3 Low	2002 High	Low
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Average Balances Quarter Ended					
December 31,					
Loans	\$2,843,841	\$2,597,259	\$246,582	98	
Securities AFS					
(excluding unrealized gains					
or losses)	\$956 183	\$1 018 157	(\$61 974)	-6%	
Securities HTM		\$95,581			
Regulatory Equity	+01/101	<i>470,001</i>	(+==)==>)	100	
Investment	\$34,920	\$35,383	(\$463)	-1%	
Short-Term Interest Bearing					
Accounts	\$7,419	\$2,321	\$5,098	220%	
Total Earning					
Assets		\$3,748,701		5%	
Total Assets	\$4,206,900	\$4,032,250	\$174,650	4%	
Interest Bearing	40 500 000		4100 000	4.2	
Deposits	\$2,593,393	\$2,485,494	\$107,899	4%	
Non-Interest	ÅF12 70F	Ċ400 141	622 CE4	70.	
Bearing Deposits Short-Term	\$513,795	\$480,141	\$33,654	7%	
Borrowings	\$299,372	\$324,737	(\$25,365)	-8%	
Long-Term	Q299,372	Q321,737	(923,303)	0.0	
Borrowings	\$413,255	\$369,712	\$43,543	12%	
Total Interest	4	4000 / ·	4 7		
Bearing					
Liabilities	\$3,306,021	\$3,179,943	\$126,078	4%	
Stockholders'					
Equity	\$329,543	\$304,915	\$24,628	8%	
Average Balances					
Year Ended					
Year Ended December 31,	¢0 740 750	80 171 800	\$760 0E1	110	
Year Ended December 31, Loans	\$2,743,753	\$2,474,899	\$268,854	11%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS	\$2,743,753	\$2,474,899	\$268,854	11%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding	\$2,743,753	\$2,474,899	\$268,854	11%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized					
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses)		\$984,620	\$268,854 (\$14,596) (\$4,830)	11% -1% -5%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized	\$970,024		(\$14,596)	-1%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM	\$970,024	\$984,620	(\$14,596)	-1%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity	\$970,024 \$85,771	\$984,620 \$90,601	(\$14,596) (\$4,830)	-1% -5%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment	\$970,024 \$85,771	\$984,620 \$90,601 \$28,117	(\$14,596) (\$4,830)	-1% -5%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment Short-Term	\$970,024 \$85,771	\$984,620 \$90,601	(\$14,596) (\$4,830)	-1% -5%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment Short-Term Interest Bearing Accounts Total Earning	\$970,024 \$85,771 \$34,813 \$7,538	\$984,620 \$90,601 \$28,117 \$3,358	(\$14,596) (\$4,830) \$6,696 \$4,180	-1% -5% 24% 124%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment Short-Term Interest Bearing Accounts Total Earning Assets	\$970,024 \$85,771 \$34,813 \$7,538 \$3,841,944	\$984,620 \$90,601 \$28,117 \$3,358 \$3,581,595	(\$14,596) (\$4,830) \$6,696 \$4,180 \$260,349	-1% -5% 24% 124% 7%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment Short-Term Interest Bearing Accounts Total Earning Assets Total Assets	\$970,024 \$85,771 \$34,813 \$7,538	\$984,620 \$90,601 \$28,117 \$3,358 \$3,581,595	(\$14,596) (\$4,830) \$6,696 \$4,180	-1% -5% 24% 124%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment Short-Term Interest Bearing Accounts Total Earning Assets Total Assets Interest Bearing	\$970,024 \$85,771 \$34,813 \$7,538 \$3,841,944 \$4,120,547	\$984,620 \$90,601 \$28,117 \$3,358 \$3,581,595 \$3,852,523	(\$14,596) (\$4,830) \$6,696 \$4,180 \$260,349 \$268,024	-1% -5% 24% 124% 7% 7%	
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Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment Short-Term Interest Bearing Accounts Total Earning Assets Total Assets Interest Bearing Deposits Non-Interest Bearing Deposits	\$970,024 \$85,771 \$34,813 \$7,538 \$3,841,944 \$4,120,547	\$984,620 \$90,601 \$28,117 \$3,358 \$3,581,595 \$3,852,523	(\$14,596) (\$4,830) \$6,696 \$4,180 \$260,349 \$268,024	-1% -5% 24% 124% 7% 7%	
Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment Short-Term Interest Bearing Accounts Total Earning Assets Total Assets Interest Bearing Deposits Non-Interest Bearing Deposits Short-Term	\$970,024 \$85,771 \$34,813 \$7,538 \$3,841,944 \$4,120,547 \$2,555,384 \$492,746	\$984,620 \$90,601 \$28,117 \$3,358 \$3,581,595 \$3,852,523 \$2,483,026 \$457,238	(\$14,596) (\$4,830) \$6,696 \$4,180 \$260,349 \$268,024 \$72,358 \$35,508	-1% -5% 24% 124% 7% 7% 3% 8%	
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Year Ended December 31, Loans Securities AFS (excluding unrealized gains or losses) Securities HTM Regulatory Equity Investment Short-Term Interest Bearing Accounts Total Earning Assets Total Earning Deposits Non-Interest Bearing Deposits Short-Term Borrowings Long-Term	\$970,024 \$85,771 \$34,813 \$7,538 \$3,841,944 \$4,120,547 \$2,555,384 \$492,746 \$302,276	\$984,620 \$90,601 \$28,117 \$3,358 \$3,581,595 \$3,852,523 \$2,483,026 \$457,238 \$190,332	(\$14,596) (\$4,830) \$6,696 \$4,180 \$260,349 \$268,024 \$72,358 \$35,508 \$111,944	-1% -5% 24% 124% 7% 7% 3% 8% 59%	
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NBT Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
(in thousands)	(Unaudi	ted)
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks Short term interest bearing accounts	\$ 98,437 8,286	\$ 125,590 2,502
Securities available for sale, at fair value	952,542	980,961
Securities held to maturity (fair value of \$82,712 and \$98,576	81,782	97,204
at December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 respectively)		
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan		
Bank stock	36,842	
Loans and leases Less allowance for loan and lease losses	2,869,921 44,932	2,639,976 42,651
Less allowance for foan and fease fosses	44,932	42,051
Net loans and leases	2,824,989	2,597,325
Premises and equipment, net	63,743	62,443
Goodwill		47,521
Intangible assets, net	2,013	2,331
Bank owned life insurance	32,302	30,815
Other assets	65,798	66,150
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,212,304	\$ 4,046,885
Demand (noninterest bearing) Savings, NOW, and money market Time		\$ 500,303 1,401,825 1,099,223
Total deposits	3,073,838	3,001,351
Short-term borrowings	338,823	302,931
Long-term debt	394,523	369,700
Trust preferred debentures	18,720	-
Other liabilities	54,167	45,869
Total liabilities		3,719,851
Guaranteed preferred beneficial interests in		
Company's junior subordinated		
debentures	-	17,000
Total stockholders' equity	332,233	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, GUARANTEED PREFERRED BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN COMPANY'S JUNIOR		
SUBORDINATE DEBENTURES AND CAPITAL		\$ 4,046,885
	hs ended Twelv r 31, De	
	2003 2004	

Income

(in thousands, except per share data)	(Unaudited)						
Interest, fee and dividend income:							
Loans and leases	\$42,983	\$40.082	\$163,795	\$159.118			
Securities available for sale	10.398	11.311	42.264	43,851			
Securities held to maturity	761	805	3,044				
Other			1,076	938			
Total interest, fee and dividend income	54,421	52,282	210,179	207,298			
Interest expense:							
Deposits	-	-	39,761	-			
Short-term borrowings	-	808	-				
Long-term debt			15,022	14,762			
Trust preferred debentures	235	-	823	-			
Total interest expense	15,760	14,957	59,692	62,874			
Net interest income Provision for loan and lease	38,661	37,325	150,487	144,424			
losses	2,750	3,322	9,615	9,111			
Net interest income after							
provision for loan and lease losses	35,911	34,003	140,872	135,313			
Noninterest income:							
Trust	1 174	1 075	4,605	4 041			
Service charges on deposit	1,1/4	1,075	Ŧ,005	ч,0ч1			
accounts	4,184	4,302	16,470	15,833			
Broker/dealer and insurance							
revenue	1,572	1,964	6,782	6,869			
Net securities gains Bank owned life insurance	160	92	216	175			
income	345	403	1,487	815			
Other		2,288					
Total noninterest income	10,340	10,124	40,889	37,778			
Noninterest expense: Salaries and employee							
benefits	14,063	12,355	54,063	49,560			
Office supplies and postage	1,118	1,028	4,459	4,216			
Occupancy	2,416	2,477	9,905	9,328			
Equipment	1,998	2,008	7,573	7,627			
Professional fees and outside							
services	1,583	1,470	6,175	5,433			
Data processing and		0 681	10 070	10 950			
communications	2,/40	2,671					
Capital securities Amortization of intangible	-	181	-	732			
assets	71	145	284	620			
Loan collection and other	/ ⊥	113	201	020			
real estate owned	431	636	1,241	1.840			
Goodwill impairment	1,950		1,950				
Other operating	-	3,823					
Total noninterest expense			109,777				
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Income before income taxes	16,844	17,333	71,984	68,574			
Income taxes	4,353	5,451	21,937	21,470			

Net income	\$	12,491 \$ 	11,882 \$	50,047	\$ 47,104 			
Earnings Per Share:								
Basic	\$		0.36 \$	•				
Diluted	\$	0.38 \$	0.36 \$	1.51 \$	1.43			
NBT Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries								
Quarterly Consolidated	4Q	3Q	1Q	4Q				
Statements of Income	2004	2004	2Q 2004					
(in thousands, except								
per share data)		(Unaudited	/				
Interest, fee and								
dividend income:								
	42,983	\$41,283	\$39,635	\$39,894	\$40,082			
Securities available for								
sale	10,398	10,784	10,313	10,769	11,311			
Securities held to					0.0-7			
maturity	761	731	755	797	805			
Other	279	295 	235	267	84			
Total interest, fee								
and dividend income	54,421	53,093	50,938	51,727	52,282			
Interest expense:								
Deposits	10,299	9,743	9,674	10,045	10,369			
Short-term borrowings	1,307	1,192	794	793	808			
Long-term debt	3,919	3,861	3,627	3,615	3,780			
Trust preferred								
debentures	235	245	163	180	-			
Total interest expense	15,760	15,041	14,258	14,633	14,957			
Net interest income	38,661	38,052	36,680	37,094	37,325			
Provision for loan and								
lease losses	2,750	2,313	2,428	2,124	3,322			
Net interest income								
after provision for								
loan and lease losses	35,911	35,739	34,252	34,970	34,003			
Noninterest income:	1 104	1 100	1 1 4 0	1 100	1 005			
Trust Service charges on	1,174	1,182	1,142	1,107	1,075			
deposit accounts	4,184	4,159	4,090	4,037	4,302			
Broker/dealer and				<i>.</i> –				
insurance fees			1,783					
Net securities gains	160	18	29	9	92			
Bank owned life insurance income	215	210	409	385	403			
Other			409 2,536					
Total noninterest								
income	10,340	10,117	9,989	10,443	10,124			
Noninterest expense:								
Salaries and employee								
benefits	14,063	13,345	12,542	14,113	12,355			
Office supplies and	,	.,	,	, ====	,			
postage	1,118	1,167	1,143	1,031	1,028			
Occupancy	2,416	2,445	2,446	2,598	2,477			
Equipment	1,998	1,941	1,781	1,853	2,008			

Professional fees and										
outside services	1,583		1,536		1,424		1,632		1,470	
Data processing and										
communications	2,740		2,688		2,852		2,692		2,671	
Capital securities	-		-		-		-		181	
Amortization of										
intangible assets	71		71		71		71		145	
Loan collection and										
other real estate owned	431		339		99		372		636	
Goodwill impairment	1,950		-		-		-		-	
Other operating	3,037		3,773		3,505		2,840		3,823	
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Total noninterest										
expense	29,407	2	7,305	2	25,863	2	27,202		26,794	
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Income before income	1 C 0 4 4	1	0 551	1	0 270	1	0 011		1	
taxes	16,844								-	
Income taxes	4,353		5,934		5,810		5,840		5,451	
Net income	 \$ 12,491	\$1	12 617	 s	 12 568	 \$	 12 371			-
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Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$ 0.38	\$	0.38	\$	0.38	\$	0.38	\$	0.36	
Diluted	\$	\$	0.38	\$	0.38	\$	0.37	\$	0.36	
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