

SVB's bankruptcy impacted the stock markets, with bank stocks under pressure and Wall Street closing mixed.

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The U.S. and European stock markets began the week facing another set of challenges as two banks were declared insolvent over the weekend. Silicon Valley Bank had, as of December 31, 2022, some \$209.0 billion in total assets and about \$175.4 billion in total deposits, and it's the most significant bank failure since 2008.

The SVB situation has impacted the broader banking sector, with many banks showing sharp decreases in their stock prices.

The Federal Reserve Board announced it would make available additional funding to eligible depository institutions to help assure banks can meet the needs of all their depositors.

The FDIC, Fed, and treasury created the Bank Term Funding Program (BTFP), which offers loans of up to one-year maturity to banks, savings associations, credit unions, and other eligible depository institutions pledging U.S. Treasuries, agency debt and mortgage-backed securities, and other qualifying assets as collateral.

The losses have been contained as investors are now betting the financial shock could cause the Federal Reserve to pause interest rate hikes.

The profile and business strategy of Silicon Valley Bank is a completely different from those of the Banks operating in Puerto Rico since all of its business was focused on technology companies, Start-Ups, Venture Capital Funds, and Private Equity Funds typical commercial clients.

Now, by comparison, we include the relevant statistics of the Puerto Rico Banks that demonstrate their financial strength and excellent capitalization; let's see.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update March 13:

Daily Cases: 60

Positivity Rate: 10.27%Hospitalizations:103

Deaths: 1

• Source P R. Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for March 13:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 442.80, down 10.96 points or 2.42%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,548.63, down 199.72 points or 2.58%.
- Dax Index closed at 14,959.7, down 468.50 points or 1.31%.

Wall Street Summary for March 13:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 31,819.14, down 90.50 or 0.28%.
- S&P 500 closed at 3,855.76, down 5.83 points or 0.15%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 11,188.84, up 49.96 points or 0.45%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,514.82, down 36.34 points or 1.42%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.55%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4 03%.



Key Stats of the Puerto Rico Banks

Bank	Year	Revenues		Net Income		Total Capital		Tier 1
Popular	2022	\$	2,870,000	\$	1,101,229	\$	5,969,397	16.45%
Firstbank	2022	\$	795,293	\$	305,100	\$	1,325,540	16.53%
Oriental	2022	\$	515,573	\$	166,239	\$	1,042,406	14.89%
Total PR Banks	2022	\$	4,180,866	\$	1,572,568	\$	8,337,343	



Performance of U.S. and Puerto Rico Bank stocks YTD 3/13/23





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