



ES BANCSHARES, INC. ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2026 RESULTS; TENTH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER OF GROWTH IN OUR BOOK VALUE PER SHARE

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y., October 20, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – ES Bancshares, Inc. (OTCQX: ESBS) (the “Company”) the holding company for Empire State Bank, (the “Bank”) today reported net income of \$1.0 million, or \$0.14 per diluted common share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, compared to a net income of \$882 thousand, or \$0.13 per diluted common share for the quarter ended June 30, 2026.

Key Quarterly Financial Data				2026 Highlights
Performance Metrics	3Q26	2Q26	1Q26	•Our core deposits grew by \$3.5 million from year end 2025 inclusive of a \$12.1 million increase in non-interest bearing deposits. •The Cost of Funds for the three months ended September 30, 2026, dropped to 2.36% from 2.41% in the prior linked quarter. •For 3 months ended September 30, 2026, the Company's net interest margin increased to 3.21% compared to 3.10% for the 3 months ended June 30, 2026. •Book value for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, totaled \$7.78 per share increasing for the tenth consecutive quarter.
Return on average assets (%)	0.65	0.57	0.71	
Return on average equity (%)	7.54	6.72	8.91	
Return on average tangible equity (%)	7.63	6.80	9.02	
Net interest margin (%)	3.21	3.10	3.06	•Our core deposits grew by \$3.5 million from year end 2025 inclusive of a \$12.1 million increase in non-interest bearing deposits. •The Cost of Funds for the three months ended September 30, 2026, dropped to 2.36% from 2.41% in the prior linked quarter. •For 3 months ended September 30, 2026, the Company's net interest margin increased to 3.21% compared to 3.10% for the 3 months ended June 30, 2026. •Book value for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, totaled \$7.78 per share increasing for the tenth consecutive quarter.
Income Statement (a)	3Q26	2Q26	1Q26	
Net interest income	\$ 4,814	\$ 4,666	\$ 4,698	
Non-interest income	\$ 369	\$ 317	\$ 366	
Net income	\$ 1,004	\$ 882	\$ 1,108	•Our core deposits grew by \$3.5 million from year end 2025 inclusive of a \$12.1 million increase in non-interest bearing deposits. •The Cost of Funds for the three months ended September 30, 2026, dropped to 2.36% from 2.41% in the prior linked quarter. •For 3 months ended September 30, 2026, the Company's net interest margin increased to 3.21% compared to 3.10% for the 3 months ended June 30, 2026. •Book value for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, totaled \$7.78 per share increasing for the tenth consecutive quarter.
Earnings per diluted common share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.16	
Balance Sheet (a)	3Q26	2Q26	1Q26	
Average total loans	\$ 525,813	\$ 533,801	\$ 541,939	
Average total deposits	\$ 508,855	\$ 503,221	\$ 515,419	•Our core deposits grew by \$3.5 million from year end 2025 inclusive of a \$12.1 million increase in non-interest bearing deposits. •The Cost of Funds for the three months ended September 30, 2026, dropped to 2.36% from 2.41% in the prior linked quarter. •For 3 months ended September 30, 2026, the Company's net interest margin increased to 3.21% compared to 3.10% for the 3 months ended June 30, 2026. •Book value for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, totaled \$7.78 per share increasing for the tenth consecutive quarter.
Book value per share	\$ 7.78	\$ 7.64	\$ 7.50	
Tangible book value per share	\$ 7.69	\$ 7.56	\$ 7.42	

(a) In thousands except for per share amounts

Phil Guarnieri, Director, and Chief Executive Officer of ES Bancshares said “We have increased our earnings per share, net interest margin and our net interest income this quarter. Our book value per share has grown to \$7.78. Our cost containment program and greater efficiencies have contributed to our improved performance this quarter.”

Selected Balance Sheet Information:

September 30, 2026 vs. December 31, 2025

As of September 30, 2026, total assets were \$596.1 million, a decrease of \$20.6 million, or 3.3%, as compared to total assets of \$616.7 million on December 31, 2025. The decrease can be attributed to our reductions in our borrowed funds and brokered deposits partially offset by our increase in non-interest deposits and a corresponding decrease in loans receivable of \$26.4 million.

Loans receivable, net of Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans totaled \$518.2 million, a decrease of \$26.4 million or 4.9% from December 31, 2025. As of September 30, 2026, the Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans as a percentage of gross loans was 0.98%.

Nonperforming assets, which includes nonaccrual loans and foreclosed real estate were \$4.9 million or 0.83% of total assets, as of September 30, 2026, decreasing from \$5.9 million, or \$958 thousand, from



December 31, 2025. The ratio of nonaccrual loans to loans receivable, net was 0.95%, as of September 30, 2026, and 1.08% for December 31, 2025. The decrease from December 31, 2025, was primarily due to the payoff of one non-owner occupied commercial real estate loan in the first quarter of 2026.

Total liabilities decreased \$23.3 million to \$542.5 million at September 30, 2026, from \$565.8 million at December 31, 2025. The decrease can be attributed to decrease in borrowed money of \$13.6 million and a decrease in brokered deposits of \$15.0 million, partially offset by an increase in non-interest deposits of \$12.1 million.

As of September 30, 2026, the Bank's Tier 1 capital leverage ratio, common equity tier 1 capital ratio, Tier 1 capital ratio and total capital ratios were 10.35%, 15.62%, 15.62% and 16.87% respectively, all in excess of the ratios required to be deemed "well-capitalized." During the third quarter of 2026 the Company did not repurchase any shares. We have terminated our second stock repurchase plan. Book value per common share was \$7.78 at September 30, 2026, compared to \$7.34 at December 31, 2025. Tangible common book value per share (which represents common equity less goodwill, divided by the number of shares outstanding) was \$7.69 at September 30, 2026, compared to \$7.25 at December 31, 2025.

Financial Performance Overview:

Three Months Ended September 30, 2026, vs. June 30, 2026

For the three months ended September 30, 2026, the Company net income totaled \$1.0 million, compared to a net income of 882 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2026. The increase can be attributed to higher net interest income partially offset by higher income taxes.

Net interest income for the three months ended September 30, 2026 increased \$148 thousand to \$4.8 million, from \$4.7 million in the June quarter despite the lower average loan balance during the current quarter. The Company's net interest margin increased by 11 basis points to 3.21% for the three months ended September 30, 2026, as compared to 3.10% for the three months ended June 30, 2026. The increase in margin can be attributed to a decrease in interest expense on borrowings. Our subordinated debt repriced as of Jul 30, 2026, and adjusts quarterly at a margin of 579 basis points over the 3-month SOFR rate.

There was a \$44 thousand reversal for credit losses taken for the three months ended September 30, 2026, compared to a \$52 thousand reversal for credit losses for the three months ended June 30, 2026. The reversal for credit losses was due to reversal of the loan and investment allowance for credit losses due to the lower outstanding balances of each respective category.

Non-interest income increased \$52 thousand, to \$369 thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2026, compared with non-interest income of \$317 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2026. The majority of the increase can be attributed to higher service charges and fees on loans in the third quarter of 2026. We have not yet received the remaining ERTC installments for the 2021 tax year.

Non-interest expenses remained at \$3.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2026, and for the three months ended June 30, 2026. The largest fluctuations quarter over quarter were due to a \$196 thousand increase in compensation and benefits, partially offset by a decrease of \$106 thousand in professional fees and a \$49 thousand decrease in marketing.



About ES Bancshares Inc.

ES Bancshares, Inc. (the “Company”) is incorporated under Maryland law and serves as the holding company for Empire State Bank (the “Bank”). The Company is subject to regulation by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System while the Bank is primarily subject to regulation and supervision by the New York State Department of Financial Services. Currently, the Company does not transact any material business other than through the Bank, its subsidiary.

The Bank was organized under federal law in 2004 as a national bank regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. The Bank's deposits are insured up to legal limits by the FDIC. In March 2009, the Bank converted its charter to a New York State commercial bank charter. The Bank's principal business is attracting commercial and retail deposits in New York and investing those deposits primarily in loans, consisting of commercial real estate loans, and other commercial loans including SBA and mortgage loans secured by one-to-four-family residences. In addition, the Bank invests in mortgage-backed securities, securities issued by the U.S. Government and agencies thereof, corporate securities and other investments permitted by applicable law and regulations.

We operate from our five Banking Center locations, a Loan Production Office and our Corporate Headquarters located in Staten Island, New York. The Company's website address is www.esbna.com. The Company's annual report, quarterly earnings releases and all press releases are available free of charge through its website, as soon as reasonably practicable.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release may contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For this purpose, any statements contained in this release that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, words such as “may”, “will”, “expect”, “believe”, “anticipate”, “estimate” or “continue” or comparable terminology, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially depending on a variety of factors, many of which are not within ES Bancshares, Inc.'s. control. The forward-looking statements included in this release are made only as of the date of this release. We have no intention, and do not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements.

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ES Bancshares, Inc.
Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition
(in thousands)

	September 30, 2026 -----(unaudited)-----	December 31, 2025
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,169	\$ 36,645
Securities, net	33,403	11,915
Loans receivable, net:		
Real estate mortgage loans	507,359	528,158
Commercial and Lines of Credit	12,433	17,648
Home Equity and Consumer Loans	284	379
Deferred costs	3,217	3,544
Allowance for Loan Credit Losses	(5,121)	(5,142)
Total loans receivable, net	518,172	544,586
Accrued interest receivable	3,034	2,649
Investment in restricted stock, at cost	3,215	3,846
Goodwill	581	581
Bank premises and equipment, net	3,713	4,128
Reposessed assets	-	-
Right of use lease asset	4,345	5,019
Bank Owned Life Insurance	5,785	5,653
Other Assets	1,671	1,645
Total Assets	<u>\$ 596,088</u>	<u>\$ 616,667</u>
Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity		
Non-Interest-Bearing Deposits	\$ 118,108	\$ 105,966
Interest-Bearing Deposits	372,927	381,531
Brokered Deposits	-	15,040
Total Deposits	491,035	502,537
Bond Issue, net of costs	11,359	11,823
Borrowed Money	25,737	39,328
Lease liability	4,624	5,307
Other Liabilities	9,765	6,839
Total Liabilities	542,520	565,834
Stockholders' equity	53,568	50,833
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 596,088</u>	<u>\$ 616,667</u>

ES Bancshares, Inc.
Consolidated Statement of Income
(in thousands)

Three Months Ended,

	September 30, 2026	June 30, 2026	March 31, 2026
	-----(unaudited)-----		
Interest income			
Loans	\$ 7,397	\$ 7,383	\$ 7,510
Securities	230	149	181
Other interest-earning assets	445	463	464
Total Interest Income	<u>8,072</u>	<u>7,995</u>	<u>8,155</u>
Interest expense			
Deposits	2,606	2,602	2,721
Borrowings	652	727	736
Total Interest Expense	<u>3,258</u>	<u>3,329</u>	<u>3,457</u>
Net Interest Income	<u>4,814</u>	<u>4,666</u>	<u>4,698</u>
Reversal of Credit Losses	<u>(44)</u>	<u>(52)</u>	<u>(21)</u>
Net Interest Income after Provision for Credit Losses	<u>4,858</u>	<u>4,718</u>	<u>4,719</u>
Non-interest income			
Service charges and fees	320	270	301
Other	49	47	65
Total non-interest income	<u>369</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>366</u>
Non-interest expenses			
Compensation and benefits	2,096	1,900	2,112
Occupancy and equipment	618	615	624
Data processing service fees	333	326	315
Professional fees	199	305	272
FDIC & NYS Banking Premiums	80	96	101
Marketing	73	122	79
Insurance	48	48	49
Other	453	451	491
Total non-interest expense	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>4,043</u>
Income(loss) prior to tax expense	<u>1,327</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>1,042</u>
Income taxes	<u>323</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>(66)</u>
Net Profit	<u>\$ 1,004</u>	<u>\$ 882</u>	<u>\$ 1,108</u>

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Average Balance Sheet Data

For the Three Months Ended (dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2026			June 30, 2026			March 31, 2026		
	Avg Bal	Interest	Average	Avg Bal	Interest	Average	Avg Bal	Interest	Average
	Rolling 3 Mos.	Rolling 3 Mos.	Yield/Cost	Rolling 3 Mos.	Rolling 3 Mos.	Yield/Cost	Rolling 3 Mos.	Rolling 3 Mos.	Yield/Cost
Assets									
Interest-earning assets:									
Loans receivable	\$ 525,813	\$ 7,397	5.63%	\$ 533,801	\$ 7,383	5.53%	\$ 541,939	\$ 7,510	5.54%
Investment securities	25,910	230	3.55%	18,079	149	3.29%	21,053	181	3.43%
Other interest earning assets	48,646	445	3.71%	49,961	463	3.76%	50,677	464	3.71%
Total interest-earning assets	600,369	8,072	5.38%	601,841	7,995	5.31%	613,669	8,155	5.31%
Non-interest earning assets	13,439			14,932			28,474		
Total assets	<u>\$ 613,808</u>			<u>\$ 616,773</u>			<u>\$ 642,143</u>		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity									
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Demand Deposit accounts	\$ 37,787	\$ 35	0.36%	\$ 36,234	\$ 35	0.38%	\$ 39,363	\$ 36	0.37%
Savings accounts	225,436	1,327	2.34%	214,768	1,282	2.39%	221,971	1,360	2.48%
Certificates of deposit	134,906	1,244	3.66%	146,949	1,285	3.51%	149,160	1,235	3.36%
Total interest-bearing deposits	398,130	2,606	2.60%	397,951	2,602	2.62%	410,494	2,721	2.69%
Borrowings	30,859	361	4.64%	38,002	444	4.69%	39,200	454	4.69%
Subordinated debenture	11,356	291	10.20%	11,346	283	9.97%	11,337	282	9.95%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	440,344	3,258	2.94%	447,299	3,329	2.98%	461,031	3,457	3.04%
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	110,726			105,270			104,925		
Other liabilities	9,473			11,717			24,577		
Total non-interest-bearing liabilities	120,199			116,987			129,502		
Stockholders' equity	53,265			52,487			51,610		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 613,808</u>			<u>\$ 616,773</u>			<u>\$ 642,143</u>		
Net interest income		<u>\$ 4,814</u>			<u>\$ 4,666</u>			<u>\$ 4,698</u>	
Average interest rate spread (1)			2.44%			2.33%			2.27%
Net interest margin (2)			3.21%			3.10%			3.06%

(1) Average interest rate spread represents the difference between the yield on average interest-earning assets and the cost of average interest-bearing liabilities.

(2) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.

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Five Quarter Performance Ratio Highlights	Three Months Ended				
	September 30, 2026	June 30, 2026	March 31, 2026	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2025
Performance Ratios (%) - annualized					
Return on Average Assets	0.65%	0.57%	0.71%	0.42%	0.41%
Return on Average Equity	7.54%	6.72%	8.91%	5.31%	5.12%
Return on Average Tangible Equity	7.63%	6.80%	9.02%	5.37%	5.18%
Efficiency Ratio	75.23%	77.52%	79.84%	80.84%	81.71%
Yields / Costs (%)					
Average Yield - Interest Earning Assets	5.38%	5.31%	5.31%	5.21%	5.25%
Average Cost - Interest-bearing Liabilities	2.94%	2.98%	3.04%	3.20%	3.22%
Net Interest Margin	3.21%	3.10%	3.06%	2.77%	2.79%
Capital Ratios (%)					
Equity / Assets	8.99%	8.52%	8.07%	8.25%	8.07%
Tangible Equity / Assets	8.90%	8.44%	7.99%	8.16%	7.98%
Tier I leverage ratio (a)	10.35%	10.13%	10.01%	10.00%	9.91%
Common equity Tier I capital ratio (a)	15.62%	15.07%	15.10%	14.91%	14.51%
Tier 1 Risk-based capital ratio (a)	15.62%	15.07%	15.10%	14.91%	14.51%
Total Risk-based capital ratio (a)	16.87%	16.32%	16.35%	16.16%	15.76%
Stock Valuation					
Book Value (c)	\$7.78	\$7.64	\$7.50	\$7.34	\$7.24
Tangible Book Value (c)	\$7.69	\$7.56	\$7.42	\$7.25	\$7.15
Shares Outstanding (b)	6,886	6,887	6,927	6,926	6,926
Asset Quality (%)					
ACL / Total Loans	0.98%	0.97%	0.95%	0.94%	0.93%
Non Performing Loans / Total Loans, net	0.95%	0.93%	0.92%	1.08%	1.10%
Non Performing Assets / Total Assets	0.83%	0.80%	0.78%	0.96%	0.98%

(a) Ratios at Bank level

(b) Shares information presented in thousands

(c) Share value is in dollars