

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

06/21/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

SVP/Corporate General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

300 HIGH STREET

(Street)

HAMILTON,Â OHÂ 45013

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

2,300

I ⁽¹⁾

Restricted

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	06/21/2006	06/21/2016	Common Stock	5,367 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 18.63	D	Â
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	06/21/2006	06/21/2016	Common Stock	6,033 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 18.63	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
gehlmann gregory a 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45013	Â	Â	Â SVP/Corporate General Counsel	Â

Signatures

terri j ziepfel 06/22/2005

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) 25% per year for 4 years

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