

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/30/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP/CFO

(Street)  
 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/30/2013                           |  | D <sup>(1)</sup>               | 897   | \$ 16.05  | I  | Restricted  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/30/2013                           |  | A <sup>(2)</sup>               | 601   | \$ 16.05  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 8,319.2578  | I  | 401k  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 9,532   | I  | USB Brokerage Account                                 |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2006 (ISO) Stock Option                    | \$ 16.61   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/20/2007   | 12/20/2016  | Common Stock  | 5,000                      |
| 2007 (ISO) Stock Option                    | \$ 14.9  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/30/2008   | 04/30/2017  | Common Stock  | 6,711                      |
| 2007 (NQ) Stock Option                     | \$ 14.9  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/30/2008   | 04/30/2017  | Common Stock  | 289                        |
| 2008 (ISO) Stock Option                    | \$ 11.64   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/14/2009   | 02/14/2018  | Common Stock  | 8,591                      |
| 2008 (NQ) Stock Option                     | \$ 11.64   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/14/2009   | 02/14/2018  | Common Stock  | 19,409                     |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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255 EAST FIFTH STREET  
SUITE 2900  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

EVP/CFO

## Signatures

/s/Terri J  
Ziepfel, POA

04/01/2013

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
  - (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares withheld for taxes

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