

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

April 28, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
201 E. FOURTH STREET, SUITE
2000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/26/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP/CAO/Controller

(Street)
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)		
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/26/2011		D		1,098 (2)	\$ 16.5	9,802	I	Restricted
Common Stock	04/26/2011		A		747 (1)	\$ 16.5	1,563	D	
Common Stock							4,633.2532	I	401k
Common Stock							3,028	I	USB Brokerage Account

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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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				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

Reporting Owners

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201 E. FOURTH STREET
SUITE 2000
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

SVP/CAO/Controller

Signatures

/s/Terri J
Ziepfel, POA

04/28/2011

__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 award less shares withheld for taxes
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award

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