



## Q3 2015 Industry Cost: \$185M

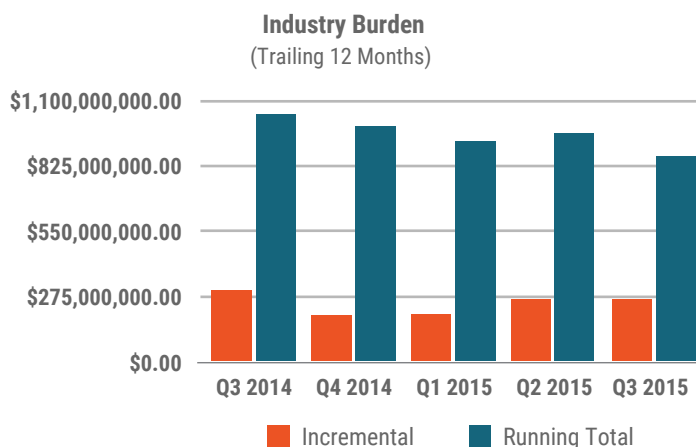
The Banking Compliance Index (BCI) is a quarterly tracking index published by the Regulatory Operations Center™. It measures the incremental cost burden on community financial institutions to keep up with regulatory changes. The BCI data sources include: CFPB, FDIC, FinCEN, FRB, NCUA, OCC and OFAC. The BCI is calculated using an average size institution of \$350 million.

The Q3 2015 BCI shows that the average financial institution will require an additional 1.23 full time employee equivalents (FTEs) to research and address just Q3's new regulatory changes. This represents an additional \$29,145 cost burden for the quarter and a total added cost of more than \$131,000 to address the added compliance burden over the last four quarters. The enforcement climate continues to be "hot" – this quarter there were 170 enforcement actions (EAs) and over the past several years we have seen more than 130 EAs each quarter – a new normal for the banking industry.

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<b>Q3 2015</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>\$29,145</b>	<b>2231</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>10.71%</b>	<b>5</b>
Q2 2015	1.72	27%	16%	73	582	76%	13%	\$41,471	1644	1.6	207	2.07	18%	12.90%	5
Q1 2015	1.35	7%	-20%	61	331	-11%	-31%	\$30,998	1605	1.6	176	1.76	30%	10.82%	7
Q4 2014	1.26	-32%	-22%	79	374	-43%	-33%	\$29,660	4109	4.1	135	1.35	-10%	8.20%	7
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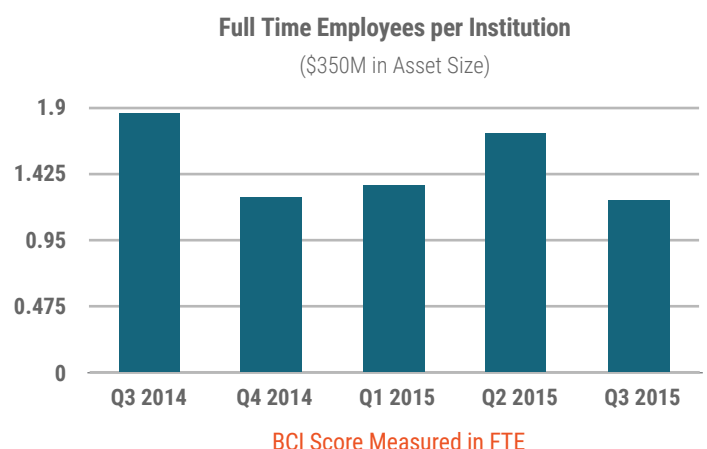
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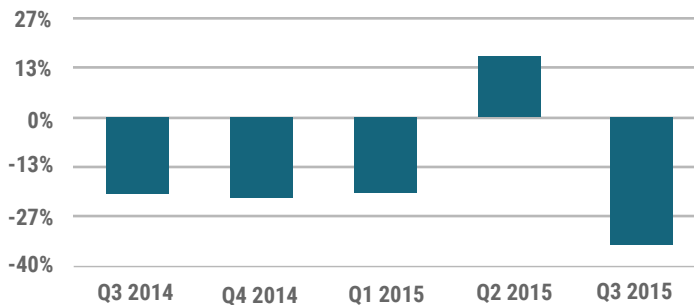


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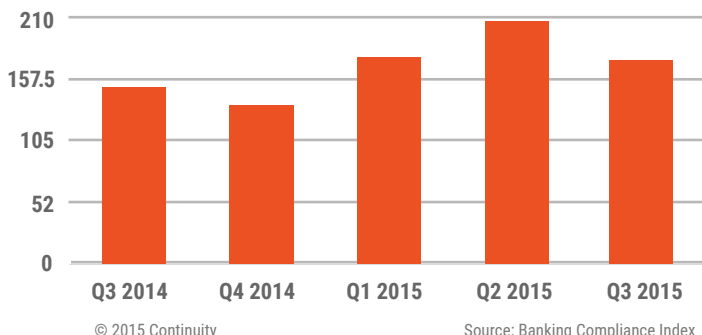
Percentage Change in BCI  
(trailing 12 months)



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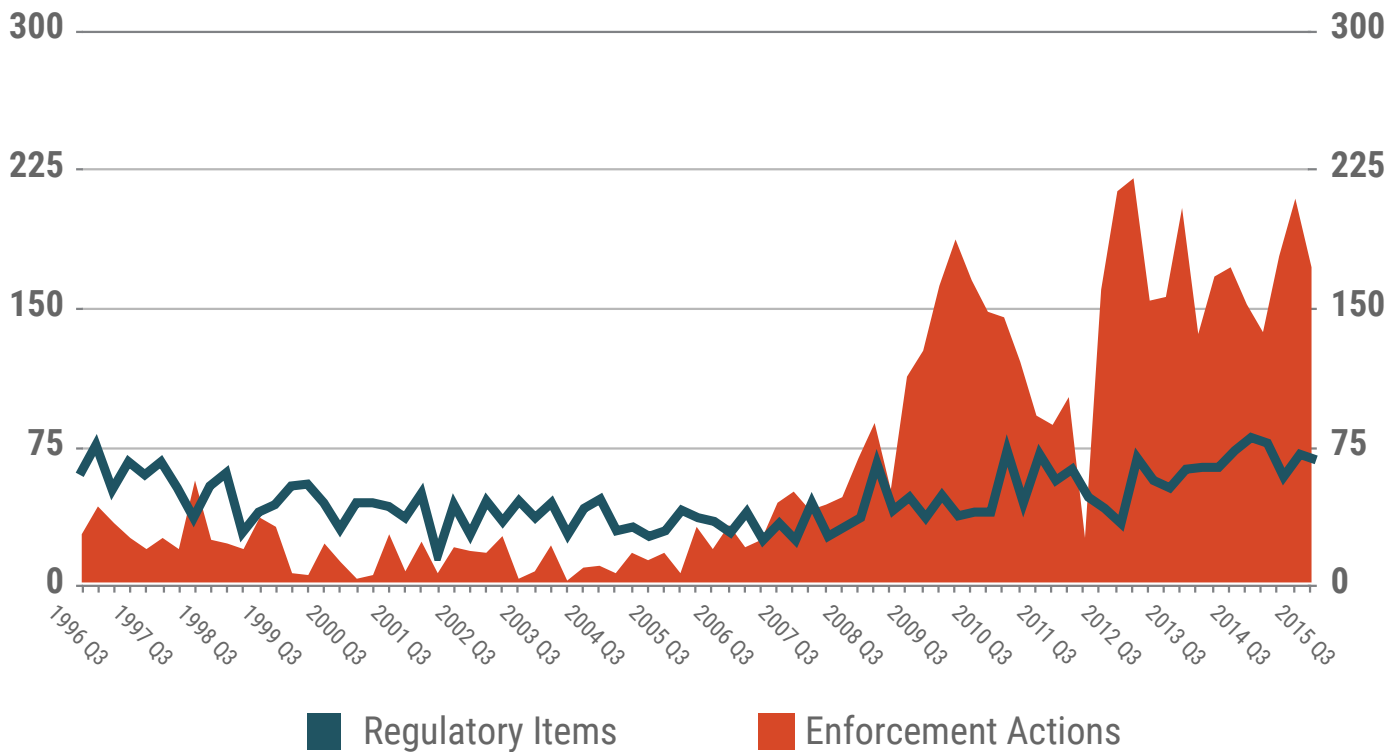
Enforcement Actions/Quarter



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## What do the numbers mean?

The Banking Compliance Index (BCI) evaluates the incremental time and cost a typical financial institution will incur to comply with a quarter's new regulatory requirements and the compounding challenge of the enforcement environment.

### What is the FTE Score?

The FTE Score represents the number of full-time employees the typical institution needs just to keep up with this quarter's new regulations and enforcement climate. The score does not take into account the effort required to ensure compliance with the hundreds of other existing regulations - just this quarter's incremental burden.

### How are the Hours to Comply calculated?

Each regulatory change is analyzed in detail and assigned a workload value between 1 and 10. A typical institution will consume roughly two hours for a simple issuance, to more than 200 hours for a highly complex issuance. Values are then added across all issuances for the quarter to tabulate Hours to Comply.

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### How is the cost calculated?

The Incremental Cost per Institution per Quarter is the product of Hours to Comply times Average Hourly Wage. The average hourly wage figure is derived from the most recent aggregate Call Report data from the FDIC.

### Why do Enforcement Actions matter?

Enforcement actions and their complexity predict the industry impact of noncompliance with existing regulations. In a climate where there is more intense regulatory scrutiny, institutions must "up their game" to ensure they stay compliant. This information also reflects the additional impacts to those institutions that are the subject of EAs.