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Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**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)
4000 SMITH RD., SUITE 400
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/24/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP-Banking

CINCINNATI, OH 45209

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
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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)
Common Stock	04/24/2009		D ⁽¹⁾	1,500 D \$ 0	24,386.0497	I	Restricted
Common Stock	04/24/2009		A ⁽²⁾	928 A \$ 11.4	9,639.1125	D	
Common Stock					34,500.217	I	401-k
Common Stock					21,536	I	Brokerage Account
Common Stock					2,909	I	IRA/Brokerage Account

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Common Stock	527.3818	I	Joint W/spouse
Common Stock	505	I	Jt With Son/brokerage Account
Common Stock	122.3016	I	Spouse/son Custodial Account

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
2000 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.56					01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock 5,694
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.56					01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock 9,426
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock 6,244
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock 1,631

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2002 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.2	01/17/2003	01/17/2012	Common Stock	5,000
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58	01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	5,000
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.09	01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	2,500
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	6,289
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	10,658
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	12,889
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	41,909

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

/s/Terri J Ziepfel, POA	04/24/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- * 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 sold to cover taxes)

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