

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

April 25, 2008

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)
04/24/2008

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

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

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45209

(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	04/24/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	4,325 A	\$ 13.68 48,525	D	
Common Stock					428.336	I	401-K
Common Stock	04/24/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	4,325 D	\$ 0 78,875	I	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 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. P Der Sec (Ins	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.19							10/01/2005	10/01/2014	Common Stock	5,817
2004 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.19							10/01/2005	10/01/2014	Common Stock	44,183
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51							04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 17.51							04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	78,389
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	97,658
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9							04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711
2007 (NQ)	\$ 14.9							04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	104,989

Stock
Option

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

305,009

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAVIS CLAUDE E 4000 SMITH RD. SUITE 400 CINCINNATI, OH 45209	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Terri Ziepfel

04/25/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award

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