

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Westerburg David E (Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>100 LIBERTY STREET (Street)</p> <p>WARREN, PA 16365 (City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>08/22/2014</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) E. V. P., Chief Operations Off</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	37,473	D	W
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	29,022.507	I	401-K Plan
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	4,777.289	I	ESOP Plan

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	01/17/2008	01/17/2017	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,125	\$ 11.51	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	01/16/2009	01/16/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,125	\$ 11.12	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,125	\$ 9.79	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,125	\$ 7.48	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	01/20/2011	01/20/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	9,000	\$ 11.49	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	01/19/2012	01/19/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	9,000	\$ 12.12	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/18/2011	05/18/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	34,000	\$ 12.32	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/23/2012	05/23/2022	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	8,160	\$ 11.7	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/15/2013	05/15/2023	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	8,160	\$ 12.44	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/21/2014	05/21/2024	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	8,925	\$ 13.15	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WESTERBURG DAVID E 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN,Â PAÂ 16365	Â	Â	Â E. V. P., Chief Operations Off	Â

## Signatures

David E.  
Westerburg

08/29/2014

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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