

WAGNER WILLIAM J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WAGNER WILLIAM J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 LIBERTY STREET  
(Street)

WARREN,, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/20/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.				(A) or (D)	105,226.56	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.				(A) or (D)	170,991.61	I	Wife
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.				(A) or (D)	4,762	I	IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.				(A) or (D)	5,840	I	Wife's IRA

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Inc.				
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,398.94	I		Trust for Daughter
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,406.92	I		Trust for Son
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	107,362.046	I		401-K
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	46,200.2982	I		ESOP

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.35					10/18/2001	10/17/2011	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	19,35
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.91					08/21/2002	08/21/2012	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	24,75
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.37					08/20/2003	08/20/2013	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	24,75
	\$ 11.33					12/15/2004	12/15/2014		24,75

Option Plan (Right to Buy)								Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.19					01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,37
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.86					01/18/2007	01/18/2016	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,37
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51					01/17/2008	01/17/2017	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,37
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.12					01/16/2009	01/16/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,37
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.79					11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,37
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.48					02/18/2010	02/18/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,37
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.49	01/20/2010	01/20/2010	A	19,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/20/2011	01/20/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	19,00

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WAGNER WILLIAM J 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN,, PA 16365	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

William J. Wagner  
01/22/2010  
Date

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

## 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) One seventh of this grant will vest each year beginning January 20, 2011 and on January 20th of each year thereafter through January 20, 2018.

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