

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC
Form SC 13G
February 02, 2007

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

084680107

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2006

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 084680107

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Dimensional Fund Advisors LP (Tax ID: 22-2370029)

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware Limited Partnership

5. Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares

Beneficially 707412 **see Note 1**

6. Shared Voting Power

Owned by

Each

Reporting

0

Person

7. Sole Dispositive Power

With

707412 **see Note 1**

8. Shared Dispositive Power

0

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

707412 **see Note 1**

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

N/A

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

8.14%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

24 North St, Pittsfield, MA 01201-5106, United States

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing

Dimensional Fund Advisors LP

- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

1299 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90401

- (c) Citizenship

Delaware Limited Partnership

- (d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock

- (e) CUSIP Number

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

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Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

707412 **see Note 1**

(b) Percent of class:

8.14%

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(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

707412 **see Note 1**

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

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