# U.S. Property \& Casualty Insurance Industry 

## Industry Overview

Double-digit premium growth, lower catastrophe losses, and an improved auto market were all contributing factors to the turnaround in the U.S. property and casualty underwriting results in 2018 as the industry reported a $\$ 3.0$ billion underwriting gain versus a $\$ 22.5$ billion loss last year.

Higher investment income earned contributed to an improvement in the investment yield to $3.26 \%$.

Overall, net income increased $49.5 \%$ to $\$ 57.9$ billion compared to $\$ 38.7$ billion in 2017. The profit was offset primarily by unrealized capital losses of $\$ 40.5$ billion, which resulted in a slight decline in policyholders' surplus from $\$ 786.0$ billion at YE 2017 to \$780.0 billion at YE 2018.
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U.S. Property and Casualty Insurance Industry Results
(in millions, except for percent)

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| December 31, | YoY Chg | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net Premiums Written | 10.5\% | 621,142 | 561,959 | 537,926 | 524,006 | 506,657 | 486,462 | 465,743 | 446,634 | 432,293 | 428,349 |
| Net Premiums Earned | 9.6\% | 602,613 | 549,966 | 533,236 | 515,835 | 497,931 | 476,792 | 457,906 | 442,785 | 430,556 | 432,662 |
| Net Losses Incurred | 3.4\% | 365,929 | 353,958 | 323,195 | 296,749 | 284,934 | 263,576 | 283,985 | 296,241 | 263,120 | 259,117 |
| Loss Expenses Incurred | (0.9\%) | 64,605 | 65,221 | 61,829 | 60,932 | 58,706 | 56,951 | 56,552 | 55,730 | 54,312 | 54,268 |
| Underwriting Expenses | 10.8\% | 167,982 | 151,652 | 148,692 | 145,753 | 139,846 | 136,586 | 130,809 | 124,768 | 122,662 | 120,673 |
| Underwrting Gain (Loss) | NM | 2,967 | $(22,456)$ | $(1,700)$ | 11,453 | 14,658 | 20,127 | $(13,762)$ | $(35,451)$ | $(8,828)$ | 947 |
| Net Loss Ratio | (4.8) pts | 71.4\% | 76.2\% | 72.2\% | 69.3\% | 69.0\% | 67.2\% | 74.4\% | 79.5\% | 73.7\% | 72.4\% |
| Expense Ratio | 0.0 pts | 27.0\% | 27.0\% | 27.6\% | 27.8\% | 27.6\% | 28.1\% | 28.1\% | 27.9\% | 28.4\% | 28.2\% |
| Combined Ratio | (4.8) pts | 99.1\% | 103.9\% | 100.5\% | 97.8\% | 97.3\% | 96.0\% | 103.1\% | 108.0\% | 102.8\% | 101.2\% |
| 1yr Rsrv Devlp/PY PHS | (0.2) pts | (1.6\%) | (1.4\%) | (0.7\%) | (1.2\%) | (1.4\%) | (2.7\%) | (2.2\%) | (2.2\%) | (2.0\%) | (3.9\%) |
| Net Invmnt. Inc. Earned | 8.7\% | 53,261 | 48,979 | 45,539 | 47,228 | 46,401 | 46,594 | 48,041 | 49,005 | 47,620 | 47,722 |
| Net Realized Gains (Loss) | (45.1\%) | 10,892 | 19,833 | 8,747 | 10,285 | 12,006 | 18,823 | 9,032 | 7,790 | 8,233 | $(8,183)$ |
| Net Invmnt. Gain (Loss) | (6.8\%) | 64,154 | 68,812 | 54,286 | 57,513 | 58,407 | 65,417 | 57,073 | 56,795 | 55,853 | 39,539 |
| Investment Yield | 0.18 pts | 3.26\% | 3.08\% | 3.01\% | 3.18\% | 3.17\% | 3.34\% | 3.61\% | 3.74\% | 3.72\% | 3.92\% |
| Total Other Income | NM | 1,530 | $(4,687)$ | 950 | 1,475 | $(2,908)$ | (580) | 2,305 | 2,382 | 964 | 767 |
| Net Income ${ }^{1}$ | 49.5\% | 57,875 | 38,718 | 42,860 | 56,884 | 56,439 | 69,725 | 36,486 | 18,292 | 36,400 | 30,194 |
| Return on Revenue | 2.4 pts | 8.7\% | 6.3\% | 7.3\% | 9.9\% | 10.1\% | 12.9\% | 7.1\% | 3.7\% | 7.5\% | 6.4\% |
| December 31, | YoY Chg | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Policyholders' Surplus ${ }^{2}$ | (0.8\%) | 780,015 | 786,026 | 734,026 | 705,948 | 706,740 | 686,135 | 615,809 | 578,321 | 587,606 | 541,057 |
| Return on Surplus | 2.3 pts | 7.4\% | 5.1\% | 6.0\% | 8.1\% | 8.1\% | 10.7\% | 6.1\% | 3.1\% | 6.5\% | 5.9\% |

## NM = Not Meaningful

1. Excludes investment income from affiliates. 2. Adjusted to eliminate stacked surplus

## Market Conditions

Soft market conditions have gripped the U.S. property and casualty insurance industry since 2007. Some characteristics of a soft market are flat or declining rates, more relaxed underwriting standards, and increased competition among insurers. After record catastrophe losses in 2017 and above average catastrophe losses in 2018, the market is beginning to show signs of a correction in most lines. Beginning in late 2017 and continuing through 2018, the market began to tighten in terms of pricing. According to the most recent market report from The Council of Insurance Agents \& Brokers (CIAB), all commercial lines except for Workers' Compensation experienced increases in premium pricing for five consecutive quarters. The CIAB report indicated that commercial premium rates increased by an average of 2.4\% in Q4 2018, which included a $7.0 \%$ increase in Commercial Auto rates - marking 30 consecutive quarters of rate increases within this line.

Average Commercial Premium Rates

| Line of Business | 2016 |  |  |  | 2017 |  |  |  | 2018 |  |  |  |
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|  | 1Q | 2Q | 30 | 4Q | 1 Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1 Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q |
| All Commercial LOB's | (3.7\%) | (3.9\%) | (3.2\%) | (3.3\%) | (2.5\%) | (2.8\%) | (1.3\%) | 0.3\% | 1.7\% | 1.5\% | 1.6\% | 2.4\% |
| Commercial Auto | 3.6\% | 2.4\% | 3.2\% | 4.4\% | 5.4\% | 6.1\% | 7.3\% | 7.3\% | 7.7\% | 8.2\% | 7.0\% | 7.0\% |
| Workers' Comp | (3.0\%) | (4.3\%) | (2.6\%) | (2.9\%) | (1.9\%) | (2.7\%) | (2.3\%) | (2.0\%) | (2.0\%) | (2.9\%) | (2.6\%) | (3.3\%) |
| Commercial Property | (5.2\%) | (6.0\%) | (4.5\%) | (4.4\%) | (3.1\%) | (3.6\%) | 0.9\% | 2.4\% | 3.4\% | 2.2\% | 2.9\% | 2.9\% |
| General Liability | (3.2\%) | (3.6\%) | (3.0\%) | (2.6\%) | (2.6\%) | (2.7\%) | (0.8\%) | 0.1\% | 0.6\% | 0.8\% | 0.8\% | 1.4\% |
| Umbrella | (2.5\%) | (2.8\%) | (1.7\%) | (1.4\%) | (1.1\%) | (1.4\%) | (0.4\%) | 0.6\% | 1.0\% | 1.5\% | 1.4\% | 2.3\% |

Source: The Council of Insurance Agents \& Brokers, Commercial Property/Casualty Market Index - Q4/2018
Overall, despite a higher than average year of catastrophe losses, the industry continued its profitable streak for the 17th consecutive year. Insurers continued to retain a portion of these profits, enabling them to write more business or pursue mergers and acquisitions to build market share. The soft market cycle and $M \& A$ activity have been the primary drivers in the decline in the number of $\mathrm{P} \& \mathrm{C}$ filers since 2008. In addition, industry capacity remains abundant evidenced by a net writings leverage ratio of $79.6 \%$.

## No. of P\&C Filers



Net Writings Leverage


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## Writings

Direct premiums written increased $5.4 \%$ YoY to $\$ 676.6$ billion in 2018 and have increased for 35 consecutive quarters over prior-year quarters. All three markets experienced growth, led by a $6.2 \%$ increase in the Combined Lines market, followed by a $6.1 \%$ increase in the Personal Lines market and a $4.2 \%$ increase in the Commercial Lines market. Assumed premiums written increased $10.2 \%$ YoY to $\$ 537.5$ billion, of which $90.3 \%$ was comprised of affiliated assumptions. U.S. intercompany pooling agreements comprised $64.1 \%$ of all reinsured business, followed by $24.5 \%$ affiliated U.S. non-pooled business. Cessions totaled $\$ 592.8$ billion, representing a $4.5 \%$ increase over the prior year, to arrive at net premiums written of $\$ 621.1$ billion.

| State | Direct Premiums Written |  |  |  | Pure Direct Loss Ratio |  |  | Losses Incurred |  | Premiums Earned |  |
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|  | YoY Chg | $2018$ | $2017$ | $2018$ <br> Market Share | YoY Chg | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | $2017$ | 2018 | $2017$ |
| AL | 5.2\% | 8,936 | 8,492 | 1.32\% | 0.0 pts | 61.3\% | 61.3\% | 5,403 | 5,104 | 8,814 | 8,327 |
| AK | 2.1\% | 1,607 | 1,575 | 0.24\% | 3.2 pts | 57.2\% | 54.0\% | 915 | 845 | 1,598 | 1,564 |
| AR | 6.6\% | 11,686 | 10,961 | 1.73\% | (0.7) pts | 60.1\% | 60.8\% | 6,865 | 6,494 | 11,419 | 10,676 |
| AR | 5.6\% | 5,467 | 5,179 | 0.81\% | 6.3 pts | 61.0\% | 54.7\% | 3,245 | 2,780 | 5,323 | 5,086 |
| CA | 6.2\% | 80,405 | 75,726 | 11.88\% | (5.6) pts | 72.7\% | 78.3\% | 56,988 | 58,112 | 78,421 | 74,239 |
| CO | 8.5\% | 13,344 | 12,297 | 1.97\% | 9.7 pts | 86.6\% | 76.9\% | 11,182 | 9,157 | 12,913 | 11,909 |
| CT | 2.2\% | 8,837 | 8,646 | 1.31\% | 5.8 pts | 58.5\% | 52.7\% | 5,125 | 4,494 | 8,763 | 8,524 |
| DE | 4.8\% | 2,790 | 2,662 | 0.41\% | (4.8) pts | 50.4\% | 55.1\% | 1,421 | 1,408 | 2,820 | 2,553 |
| DC | 6.4\% | 1,979 | 1,860 | 0.29\% | (6.9) pts | 49.3\% | 56.3\% | 934 | 1,036 | 1,892 | 1,841 |
| FL | 6.8\% | 53,827 | 50,392 | 7.96\% | (6.7) pts | 73.4\% | 80.1\% | 38,632 | 39,262 | 52,644 | 49,006 |
| GA | 8.0\% | 21,549 | 19,952 | 3.18\% | (1.3) pts | 66.5\% | 67.8\% | 13,954 | 13,115 | 20,993 | 19,347 |
| HI | 4.0\% | 2,596 | 2,497 | 0.38\% | (9.5) pts | 45.5\% | 55.0\% | 1,168 | 1,367 | 2,568 | 2,485 |
| ID | 7.6\% | 2,986 | 2,777 | 0.44\% | (4.5) pts | 62.9\% | 67.3\% | 1,817 | 1,821 | 2,891 | 2,704 |
| IL | 4.6\% | 26,047 | 24,907 | 3.85\% | (0.9) pts | 56.7\% | 57.6\% | 14,588 | 14,163 | 25,731 | 24,570 |
| IN | 4.2\% | 11,632 | 11,160 | 1.72\% | (4.9) pts | 51.3\% | 56.2\% | 5,855 | 6,190 | 11,407 | 11,013 |
| IA | 0.6\% | 6,578 | 6,536 | 0.97\% | 11.4 pts | 68.5\% | 57.1\% | 4,470 | 3,691 | 6,524 | 6,463 |
| KS | 4.1\% | 6,692 | 6,428 | 0.99\% | (1.1) pts | 53.7\% | 54.8\% | 3,504 | 3,470 | 6,529 | 6,334 |
| KY | 5.0\% | 7,822 | 7,451 | 1.16\% | (2.1) pts | 57.4\% | 59.5\% | 4,415 | 4,360 | 7,688 | 7,325 |
| LA | 4.8\% | 11,950 | 11,403 | 1.77\% | 0.6 pts | 54.2\% | 53.5\% | 6,386 | 6,040 | 11,792 | 11,279 |
| ME | 3.8\% | 2,364 | 2,277 | 0.35\% | (2.5) pts | 47.8\% | 50.4\% | 1,116 | 1,129 | 2,333 | 2,242 |
| MD | 4.3\% | 12,175 | 11,669 | 1.80\% | 4.5 pts | 64.3\% | 59.7\% | 7,703 | 6,822 | 11,984 | 11,422 |
| MA | 4.1\% | 15,538 | 14,926 | 2.30\% | 5.0 pts | 52.4\% | 47.4\% | 8,002 | 6,951 | 15,271 | 14,653 |
| MI | 4.1\% | 19,964 | 19,173 | 2.95\% | 1.4 pts | 66.4\% | 65.0\% | 13,032 | 12,262 | 19,636 | 18,863 |
| MN | 2.7\% | 11,901 | 11,586 | 1.76\% | (6.8) pts | 54.5\% | 61.3\% | 6,376 | 6,981 | 11,696 | 11,380 |
| MS | 4.2\% | 5,398 | 5,179 | 0.80\% | (2.3) pts | 53.7\% | 56.0\% | 2,849 | 2,863 | 5,305 | 5,112 |
| MO | 4.0\% | 12,048 | 11,581 | 1.78\% | (8.4) pts | 55.9\% | 64.3\% | 6,607 | 7,301 | 11,813 | 11,356 |
| MT | 6.5\% | 2,560 | 2,403 | 0.38\% | (3.7) pts | 55.9\% | 59.6\% | 1,395 | 1,410 | 2,494 | 2,365 |
| NE | 3.6\% | 5,015 | 4,842 | 0.74\% | (15.9) pts | 53.9\% | 69.8\% | 2,662 | 3,340 | 4,941 | 4,785 |
| NV | 11.5\% | 5,737 | 5,145 | 0.85\% | 8.5 pts | 73.7\% | 65.2\% | 4,065 | 3,247 | 5,514 | 4,983 |
| NH | 2.4\% | 2,499 | 2,441 | 0.37\% | (0.8) pts | 50.7\% | 51.5\% | 1,258 | 1,244 | 2,482 | 2,413 |
| NJ | 4.2\% | 22,113 | 21,225 | 3.27\% | 4.0 pts | 59.5\% | 55.5\% | 12,958 | 11,651 | 21,796 | 20,997 |
| NM | 7.1\% | 3,528 | 3,295 | 0.52\% | 1.5 pts | 66.0\% | 64.5\% | 2,274 | 2,084 | 3,444 | 3,230 |
| NY | 4.4\% | 48,352 | 46,331 | 7.15\% | 1.7 pts | 58.5\% | 56.8\% | 27,791 | 25,982 | 47,482 | 45,731 |
| NC | 5.0\% | 16,474 | 15,683 | 2.43\% | 22.2 pts | 77.4\% | 55.2\% | 12,503 | 8,496 | 16,144 | 15,383 |
| ND | 1.7\% | 2,565 | 2,521 | 0.38\% | (5.0) pts | 47.7\% | 52.7\% | 1,213 | 1,324 | 2,543 | 2,511 |
| OH | 3.8\% | 17,119 | 16,491 | 2.53\% | (1.1) pts | 49.7\% | 50.8\% | 8,360 | 8,252 | 16,827 | 16,254 |
| OK | 5.0\% | 8,345 | 7,949 | 1.23\% | (1.9) pts | 49.5\% | 51.3\% | 4,043 | 4,050 | 8,174 | 7,889 |
| OR | 6.4\% | 7,397 | 6,951 | 1.09\% | (11.2) pts | 48.8\% | 59.9\% | 3,526 | 4,085 | 7,232 | 6,818 |
| PA | 4.1\% | 25,324 | 24,316 | 3.74\% | 5.5 pts | 58.7\% | 53.2\% | 14,590 | 12,777 | 24,862 | 24,032 |
| RI | 3.6\% | 2,483 | 2,397 | 0.37\% | 7.7 pts | 59.4\% | 51.7\% | 1,439 | 1,215 | 2,423 | 2,350 |
| SC | 6.6\% | 10,176 | 9,550 | 1.50\% | (5.1) pts | 56.3\% | 61.4\% | 5,611 | 5,708 | 9,964 | 9,296 |
| SD | 0.7\% | 2,436 | 2,421 | 0.36\% | (1.3) pts | 56.4\% | 57.7\% | 1,357 | 1,392 | 2,405 | 2,412 |
| TN | 4.8\% | 11,910 | 11,366 | 1.76\% | (8.6) pts | 50.7\% | 59.3\% | 5,875 | 6,625 | 11,585 | 11,173 |
| TX | 7.8\% | 58,711 | 54,449 | 8.68\% | (40.7) pts | 54.7\% | 95.4\% | 31,187 | 50,726 | 56,986 | 53,170 |
| UT | 7.8\% | 5,054 | 4,691 | 0.75\% | 1.4 pts | 55.2\% | 53.8\% | 2,703 | 2,428 | 4,901 | 4,517 |
| VT | 1.9\% | 1,463 | 1,436 | 0.22\% | 3.9 pts | 43.7\% | 39.7\% | 634 | 565 | 1,453 | 1,420 |
| VA | 4.9\% | 14,204 | 13,538 | 2.10\% | 1.6 pts | 59.8\% | 58.1\% | 8,305 | 7,724 | 13,899 | 13,292 |
| WA | 8.0\% | 12,845 | 11,893 | 1.90\% | (3.5) pts | 56.0\% | 59.6\% | 6,994 | 6,920 | 12,483 | 11,616 |
| WV | 3.0\% | 3,097 | 3,008 | 0.46\% | 5.9 pts | 57.2\% | 51.3\% | 1,757 | 1,531 | 3,071 | 2,984 |
| WI | 2.8\% | 10,875 | 10,574 | 1.61\% | 1.8 pts | 56.6\% | 54.8\% | 6,096 | 5,728 | 10,775 | 10,457 |
| WY | 5.2\% | 1,215 | 1,155 | 0.18\% | 14.9 pts | 71.7\% | 56.9\% | 851 | 644 | 1,187 | 1,133 |
| AS | 90.5\% | 0 | 0 | 0.00\% | 61.0 pts | 5.3\% | (55.7\%) | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 |
| GU | 3.2\% | 335 | 325 | 0.05\% | 0.2 pts | 63.6\% | 63.3\% | 208 | 199 | 327 | 313 |
| PR | (19.7\%) | 1,416 | 1,763 | 0.21\% | (493.3) pts | 115.8\% | 609.2\% | 1,534 | 10,781 | 1,325 | 1,770 |
| VI | 18.3\% | 160 | 135 | 0.02\% | (432.0) pts | 390.2\% | 822.2\% | 578 | 1,129 | 148 | 137 |
| MP | 1.0\% | 20 | 19 | 0.00\% | 137.0 pts | 175.3\% | 38.3\% | 33 | 7 | 19 | 17 |
| Totals | 5.4\% | 676,574 | 641,688 | - | (5.3) pts | 61.6\% | 66.9\% | 407,932 | 421,221 | 662,392 | 629,735 |

## Operating Results <br> Underwriting Operations

Following net underwriting losses for the past two years, the U.S. property and casualty insurance industry recorded an underwriting profit of $\$ 3.0$ billion for 2018. The turnaround can be attributed to the following:

- Lower catastrophe losses
- An improved auto market
- Double digit premium growth
- Continued prior-year reserve releases

The above positive factors were partially offset by underperformance in several commercial liability lines, discussed in more detail beginning on page 6.


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## Catastrophe Losses

Overall, worldwide losses from natural catastrophes amounted to $\$ 160$ billion, slightly higher than the inflation adjusted average over the past 30 years of $\$ 140$ billion, but less than half of 2017 losses totaling $\$ 350$ billion. Insured losses worldwide were $\$ 80$ billion (more than half was within the U.S.), almost double the inflation adjusted 30 year average of $\$ 41$ billion but below 2017 insured losses of $\$ 140$ billion. Although severity was lower, frequency was higher in 2018 with 850 events versus 740 in the prior year.

|  | 2018 | 2017 | Average of the last 10 years (2008-2017) | Average of the last 30 years (1988-2017) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of events | 850 | 740 | 630 | 500 |
| Overall losses (US\$m) | 160,000 | 350,000 | 190,000 | 140,000 |
| Insured Losses (US\$m) | 80,000 | 140,000 | 61,000 | 41,000 |
| Fatalities | 10,400 | 13,000 | 60,000 | 53,000 |

Source: Munich Re NatCatSERVICE
In the U.S., insured losses due to natural disasters totaled $\$ 52$ billion, down from $\$ 78$ billion in 2017. Wildfires, heatwaves, and droughts accounted for $34 \%$ of U.S. insured losses, the largest of which was the Camp Fire in Paradise, CA which totaled $\$ 12.5$ billion and was the most expensive worldwide loss in 2018 in terms of overall and insured losses. Tropical cyclones accounted for $30 \%$ of 2018 insured losses, followed by severe thunderstorms at $27 \%$, winter storms accounted for $6 \%$, floods, flash floods, earthquakes and other geophysical events accounted for the remainder. The accompanying table shows the top five U.S. events in order of insured losses.

| Date | Event | Affected Area | Overall <br> Losses | Insured <br> Losses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8-25 Nov | Wildfire (Camp Fire) | U.S.: CA, Paradise, Chico | 16,500 | 12,500 |
| 8-10 Oct | Hurricane Michael | U.S.: (FL, GA, and Carolinas), Cuba | 16,000 | 10,000 |
| 10-27 Sept | Hurricane Florence | U.S.: NC, SC, FL, DC, MD, MA, GA | 14,000 | 5,400 |
|  |  | U.S.: CA, Thousand Oaks, Oak Oark, Westlake |  |  |
| 8-22 Nov | Wildfire (Woolsey Fire) | Village, Agoura Hills, West Hills, Simi <br> Valley, Chatsworth, Bell Canyon, Hidden |  |  |
| Hills, Malibu, Calabasas |  |  |  |  |

Source: Munich Re NatCatSERVICE
U.S. \$m

## Catastrophe Losses (... continued)

## Largest Events of 2018:

Camp Fire-In the fall, California experienced the most damaging wildfires in U.S. history. Drought and strong winds helped fuel the Camp fire which nearly destroyed the town of Paradise in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The hilly terrain made access challenging and extinguishing the fire was difficult. The Camp fire caused overall losses of \$16.5 billion and insured losses of $\$ 12.5$ billion making it the costliest natural disaster of 2018. Despite evacuation orders, 86 fatalities occurred.

Woolsey Fire-Occurring approximately the same time as the Camp fire, the Woolsey fire destroyed around 1,600 homes in Malibu, CA. The higher value of the homes involved contributed to overall losses of $\$ 5.2$ billion, and $\$ 4.0$ billion in insured losses.

Hurricane Michael-Reached the U.S. mainland on October 10th in the Florida panhandle. It is ranked as the fourth strongest storm to ever hit the U.S. with wind speeds up to 155 mph . Overall losses were $\$ 16$ billion and insured losses reached $\$ 10$ billion as storm damage was widespread between personal and commercial sectors.

Hurricane Florence-Occurred three weeks prior to Hurricane Michael reaching the U.S. mainland on the North Carolina coast. Most of the losses occurred due to flooding from torrential rains, as a result, the share of insured losses was smaller as insurance against flood damage is much less widespread than windstorm coverage. Overall losses were $\$ 14$ billion and estimated insured losses were $\$ 5$ billion.

Source: Münchener Rückversicherungs-Gesellschaft. (2019, January 8). Natural catastrophe review: Extreme storms, wildfires and droughts cause heavy nat cat losses in 2018 [Press release]. Retrieved from https://www.munichre.com/ en/media-relations/publications/press-releases/2019/2019-01-08-press-release/index.html

The accompanying chart shows the impact the largest 2018 events had on a state-by-state basis by looking at the pure direct loss ratio for property lines of business* by state. Overall, the PDLR across all states for property lines was 65\%.

*Fire, Allied Lines, Crop, Flood, Farmowners, Comm Multi-Peril (Non-Liab), Ocean marine, Inland marine, EQ, Auto Phys. Dmg., Aircraft

## Personal Lines Market Performance (53.0\% of total NPW)

## Private Passenger Auto liability (23.3\% of total NPW)

After underperforming for several years, the auto liability market, particularly personal auto, began to turn a corner in 2018, which was one of the contributing factors to the improvement in underwriting results. The combined ratio for this line improved 5.1 -percentage points to $100.4 \%$. Net premiums earned increased $8.3 \%$ for this line while net losses and LAE increased at a lesser rate of $1.9 \%$ and other underwriting expenses increased $7.2 \%$. Overall, the net underwriting loss for this line was $\$ 587.6$ million, a significant improvement compared to a $\$ 7.3$ billion loss for 2017.

## Homeowners Multiple-Peril ( $14.3 \%$ of total NPW)

Net premiums earned increased $5.5 \%$ while net losses and LAE incurred increased $0.7 \%$, resulting in a 3.7 -point improvement in the combined ratio to 104.1\%. The combined ratio for this line surpassed the 100 percent threshold for the first time since 2012 largely due to losses related to the hurricanes and wildfires.

## Private Passenger Auto Physical Damage ( $15.5 \%$ of total NPW)

This line of business has been profitable seven out of the last ten years, including the last two years. Net premiums earned increased $9.7 \%$ to $\$ 94.6$ million in 2018 compared to $\$ 86.2$ million in 2017 while net losses and LAE incurred increased only $2.7 \%$, resulting in a 4.8 -point improvement in the net loss ratio to $70.4 \%$. Overall, the combined ratio improved 4.5-points to $93.6 \%$ in 2018.


## Commercial Lines Market Performance (36.6\% of total NPW)

## Workers' Compensation ( $8.2 \%$ of total NPW)

Since 2015, the combined ratio for this line has been below the 100 percent profitability threshold, including a 6.0point improvement in 2018 to $86.2 \%$. The strong profitability has resulted in rate decreases as noted in the CIAB report discussed on page 2.

## Commercial Auto Liability (4.4\% of total NPW)

Net premiums grew by $17.8 \%$ YoY as companies have implemented rate increases in this line for 30 consecutive quarters. Despite rate increases, the unprofitable trend continued as net losses and LAE incurred totaled $\$ 21.3$ billion, while net premiums earned totaled $\$ 25.5$ billion, resulting in a net loss ratio of $83.5 \%$. The 2018 combined ratio was $111.7 \%$ and has surpassed the 100 percent threshold in each of the last eight years. According to the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers Q4/2018 Commercial Property/Casualty Market Index, the reasons for Commercial Auto's difficulties were numerous. Increased congestion on the roads, distracted driving, and road quality all led to an increased number of accidents, resulting in more frequent payouts. Additionally, those payouts were often more severe due to the higher value of modern vehicles and increased litigation costs.

## Commercial Lines Market Performance (continued)

Other Liability-Occurrence ( $6.0 \%$ of total NPW)
Other Liability-occurrence insurance protects an insured against legal liability resulting from negligence, carelessness, or failure to act, causing property damage or personal injury to others. Coverage is for events that occur during a policy term. Net premiums earned increased $19.4 \%$ YoY to $\$ 34.5$ billion in 2018 while net losses and LAE incurred increased $25.7 \%$ resulting in a net loss ratio of $74.7 \%$. Adding a $30.4 \%$ expense ratio resulted in an overall combined ratio of $105.2 \%$. The combined ratio has exceeded the 100 percent threshold for five consecutive years and eight out of the last ten years.

## Commercial Multiple Peril (6.0\% of total NPW)

This line packages two or more coverages, protecting businesses from various property risk exposures. This is the most popular type of commercial package insurance policy in the U.S. property and casualty market and covers a variety of business types. The combined ratio for the non-liability portion improved 3.4-points but exceeded the 100 percent threshold at $108.4 \%$. Prior to 2017 this line of business was profitable for four consecutive years. The liability portion covers businesses for general liability risks. Net premiums earned totaled $\$ 14.6$ billion while losses and LAE incurred totaled $\$ 10.2$ billion resulting in a net loss ratio of $69.6 \%$. Adding an expense ratio of $34.0 \%$ resulted in a combined ratio of $103.6 \%$. The combined ratio has exceeded the 100 percent threshold for three consecutive years.

## Medical Professional Liability (1.35\% of total NPW)

Medical professional liability insurance, also known as medical malpractice insurance, protects physicians and other health care professionals from liability associated with wrongful practices resulting in bodily injury, medical expenses and property damage as well as defense costs related to such claims. Coverage is also provided for personal injury, therefore the complexity involved in discovering negligence results in a higher percentage of premium going toward defense and cost containment expenses. Net premiums earned in 2018 totaled $\$ 8.4$ billion while net losses and LAE incurred totaled $\$ 6.4$ billion, resulting in a net loss ratio of $75.3 \%$. After considering an expense ratio of $25.9 \%$ and a dividend ratio of $2.9 \%$, the combined ratio totaled $104.1 \%$, a 2.8 -point YoY deterioration. As noted in the table on page 8 , the combined ratio for this line has surpassed the 100 percent threshold for the last five years.

## Underperforming Commercial Lines of Business

The following chart shows commercial lines of business with combined ratios over 100\%.

Underperforming Commercial Lines - Combined Ratio


Combined Ratio by Lines of Business

| Lines of Business | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aggregate Write-ins | 81.1\% | 41.2\% | 83.5\% | 83.7\% | 125.4\% | 64.0\% | 56.3\% | 75.7\% | 80.7\% | 81.9\% |
| Aircraft (all perils) | 111.5\% | 109.2\% | 113.1\% | 100.7\% | 89.1\% | 99.5\% | 98.5\% | 102.6\% | 94.1\% | 94.5\% |
| Allied Lines | 130.7\% | 182.0\% | 96.6\% | 88.1\% | 85.4\% | 85.3\% | 129.9\% | 122.3\% | 92.0\% | 85.4\% |
| Boiler and Machinery | 86.3\% | 76.5\% | 78.8\% | 69.9\% | 76.1\% | 72.4\% | 80.1\% | 74.8\% | 71.6\% | 71.7\% |
| Burglary and Theft | 78.1\% | 49.1\% | 46.2\% | 61.4\% | 59.9\% | 42.2\% | 58.6\% | 61.6\% | 69.4\% | 59.4\% |
| Commercial Auto Liab | 111.7\% | 113.5\% | 113.2\% | 111.3\% | 103.6\% | 107.5\% | 106.3\% | 101.1\% | 97.1\% | 100.2\% |
| Commercial Auto Phy Dmg | 97.0\% | 104.2\% | 102.0\% | 100.9\% | 103.1\% | 104.9\% | 109.1\% | 112.1\% | 101.6\% | 97.0\% |
| Commercial MP (Liab) | 103.6\% | 101.6\% | 105.6\% | 99.3\% | 103.5\% | 103.0\% | 94.1\% | 102.0\% | 96.1\% | 94.2\% |
| Commercial MP (Non-Liab) | 108.4\% | 111.8\% | 99.1\% | 91.9\% | 97.1\% | 94.4\% | 114.6\% | 120.0\% | 103.2\% | 99.0\% |
| Credit | 93.6\% | 90.8\% | 92.1\% | 76.5\% | 74.7\% | 74.9\% | 91.3\% | 94.3\% | 127.3\% | 140.8\% |
| Credit A \& H | 84.8\% | 128.3\% | 120.9\% | 42.3\% | 45.2\% | 45.0\% | 49.5\% | 38.3\% | 87.8\% | 84.1\% |
| Earthquake | 44.6\% | 43.6\% | 33.9\% | 28.5\% | 34.3\% | 30.5\% | 36.7\% | 57.0\% | 45.7\% | 32.5\% |
| Excess Workers' Comp | 116.6\% | 123.6\% | 109.2\% | 112.0\% | 107.4\% | 69.3\% | 151.4\% | 133.9\% | 51.4\% | 35.1\% |
| Farmowners MP | 97.0\% | 105.7\% | 91.1\% | 89.9\% | 95.4\% | 94.0\% | 99.5\% | 117.2\% | 108.2\% | 107.7\% |
| Fidelity | 73.4\% | 74.0\% | 78.4\% | 77.2\% | 92.7\% | 92.9\% | 99.3\% | 102.0\% | 96.5\% | 105.3\% |
| Financial Guaranty | 130.5\% | 320.1\% | 177.2\% | 99.2\% | 91.3\% | (3.4\%) | 181.2\% | 218.8\% | 227.3\% | 101.2\% |
| Fire | 110.8\% | 119.2\% | 92.3\% | 85.1\% | 85.4\% | 78.5\% | 86.5\% | 92.9\% | 79.9\% | 79.4\% |
| Group A \& H | 90.7\% | 90.5\% | 98.4\% | 100.1\% | 96.9\% | 99.9\% | 94.1\% | 99.2\% | 96.2\% | 93.0\% |
| Homeowners MP | 104.1\% | 107.8\% | 93.4\% | 92.1\% | 92.7\% | 90.3\% | 104.0\% | 122.0\% | 106.6\% | 105.7\% |
| Inland Marine | 86.4\% | 90.0\% | 84.0\% | 83.9\% | 83.5\% | 83.8\% | 96.2\% | 97.1\% | 86.5\% | 89.1\% |
| International | 145.3\% | 130.7\% | 144.3\% | 2.0\% | 116.7\% | 92.6\% | 91.5\% | 97.7\% | 181.2\% | 146.9\% |
| Medical Prof Liab | 104.1\% | 101.4\% | 106.4\% | 102.3\% | 104.7\% | 89.4\% | 93.3\% | 88.0\% | 88.7\% | 85.5\% |
| Mortgage Guaranty | 29.2\% | 40.4\% | 49.8\% | 58.1\% | 70.2\% | 98.0\% | 189.7\% | 219.1\% | 199.0\% | 202.4\% |
| Multiple Peril Crop | 85.0\% | 84.1\% | 81.7\% | 99.9\% | 104.9\% | 103.3\% | 104.0\% | 90.6\% | 73.9\% | 79.7\% |
| Ocean Marine | 100.2\% | 110.5\% | 95.8\% | 94.7\% | 91.2\% | 98.1\% | 109.2\% | 100.5\% | 96.2\% | 91.4\% |
| Other A \& H | 149.6\% | 133.1\% | 128.6\% | 132.0\% | 126.6\% | 132.5\% | 133.0\% | 119.5\% | 135.8\% | 122.1\% |
| Other Liab-Claims-Made | 91.0\% | 98.9\% | 103.4\% | 98.6\% | 88.1\% | 97.4\% | 100.4\% | 100.8\% | 96.6\% | 96.5\% |
| Other Liab - Occur | 105.2\% | 101.6\% | 114.9\% | 103.3\% | 101.5\% | 96.4\% | 104.9\% | 92.8\% | 115.1\% | 112.1\% |
| Private Crop | 126.9\% | 107.5\% | 122.3\% | 146.2\% | 138.8\% | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Private flood | 55.0\% | 186.2\% | 93.1\% | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Products Liability | 122.9\% | 102.1\% | 119.8\% | 130.6\% | 134.4\% | 155.2\% | 102.2\% | 158.8\% | 157.3\% | 123.0\% |
| Prvt Psgr Auto Liab | 100.4\% | 105.5\% | 109.5\% | 107.9\% | 103.8\% | 103.5\% | 103.2\% | 103.6\% | 105.9\% | 106.6\% |
| Prvt Psgr Auto Phy Dmg | 93.6\% | 98.2\% | 101.7\% | 99.5\% | 100.3\% | 98.7\% | 100.2\% | 99.5\% | 93.4\% | 93.4\% |
| Reinsurance-Nonproportional | 109.1\% | 122.8\% | 78.6\% | 72.3\% | 63.2\% | 72.9\% | 79.8\% | 114.4\% | 79.5\% | 69.4\% |
| Surety | 70.9\% | 72.2\% | 72.4\% | 73.8\% | 69.3\% | 72.7\% | 76.8\% | 72.8\% | 70.7\% | 79.5\% |
| Warranty | 95.4\% | 90.6\% | 88.8\% | 107.9\% | 93.5\% | 104.2\% | 99.5\% | 97.1\% | 107.2\% | 97.4\% |
| Workers' Comp | 86.2\% | 92.2\% | 95.4\% | 95.9\% | 102.6\% | 98.8\% | 111.2\% | 118.4\% | 118.3\% | 111.3\% |

NA = Not Available
Note: Federal Flood is not shown due to negative combined ratio results

## Investment Operations

Investment income was $\$ 64.2$ billion, $6.8 \%$ lower compared to $\$ 68.8$ billion in 2017. The decline was associated with a $45.1 \%$ YoY decrease in realized capital gains to $\$ 10.9$ billion, primarily due to losses on unaffiliated common stocks. Net investment income increased 8.7\% YoY to $\$ 53.3$ billion with the majority derived from unaffiliated bonds. Following several years of declines, the industry average investment yield improved slightly for the second consecutive year to $3.26 \%$.

## Net Income

Improved underwriting results combined with solid investment income resulted in a net profit of $\$ 57.9$ billion, a $49.5 \%$ improvement compared to prior year's profit of $\$ 38.7$ billion. Return on revenue-a measure of net income to net premiums earned, net investment income earned, and realized capital gains (losses)-was higher at $8.7 \%$ versus $6.3 \%$ for the prior year marking the first YoY improvement since 2013.

## Capital and Surplus

Policyholders' surplus (adjusted for affiliated investments) decreased $0.8 \%$ to $\$ 780.0$ billion at December 31, 2018. The decrease was primarily attributable to unrealized capital losses of $\$ 40.5$ billion and $\$ 38.6$ billion in dividends to stockholders that offset net income. Return on surplus-a measure of net income to average policyholders' surplus-was $7.4 \%$ for the year, up 2.3percentage points from $5.1 \%$ recorded in the prior year.

## Cash \& Liquidity

Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$79.8 billion in 2018, a $57.2 \%$ increase compared to $\$ 50.8$ billion in 2017. The increase was primarily due to a $\$ 54.2$ billion, or $9.8 \%$ increase in premiums collected net of reinsurance to $\$ 605.6$ billion partially offset by a $4.2 \%$ increase in benefit and loss related payments.

Liquidity remained strong at 79.7\%, 1.9-points higher than last year. Adjusted liabilities were $2.4 \%$ higher while liquid assets remained relatively unchanged.

## Investment Income



Profitability


Policyholders'Surplus


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## Cash \& Liquidity (...continued)

Cash and invested assets have grown $39.7 \%$ since 2008, however, many insurers have shifted their investment strategy as less liquid assets (e.g., other long-term invested assets) have grown at a faster pace in recent years than liquid assets (bond holdings). Since 2008, investments in bonds grew $21.8 \%$ while other long-term investments grew $297.8 \%$, unaffiliated stocks grew 126.4\%, and mortgage loans on real estate grew 113.3\%.


Investment Allocation - December 31, 2008


Investment Allocation- December 31, 2018

## Reserves

Net loss and LAE reserves increased $2.0 \%$ YoY to $\$ 672.4$ billion, of which $\$ 557.0$ billion was unpaid losses and $\$ 115.4$ billion unpaid LAE. The increase in reserves was entirely attributed to current year incurred, as the trend of prior year reserve releases continued with $\$ 19.2$ billion in favorable prior year reserve development in 2018. In 2014, the trend of prior year reserve releases began to slow, however, a sharp increase occurred in 2017 and 2018. The favorable development in the current year primarily stemmed from five groups, two of which were large one-off items, including a loss portfolio transfer to an offshore affiliate.



## Reserves (...continued)

Although the industry reported favorable prior year development, adverse development occurred within the Other Liability-Occurrence (primarily 2015 and 2016 accident years) and commercial auto liability (primarily accident years 2013 - 2016) totaling $\$ 2.1$ billion and $\$ 1.8$ billion, respectively. Development in Commercial Auto Liability was due to increased accidents and higher payouts attributable to the factors discussed on page 6.

## Asbestos and Environmental Reserves

Gross asbestos and environmental (A\&E) reserves decreased $4.0 \%$ to $\$ 40.1$ billion at December 31, 2018 from $\$ 41.8$ billion a year ago. On a net basis, A\&E reserves decreased $6.7 \%$ YoY to $\$ 20.0$ billion, as net claim payments totaled $\$ 2.7$ billion while net incurred losses and LAE totaled $\$ 1.2$ billion in 2018, a significant decline compared to $\$ 2.3$ billion last year. As a result, the A\&E three-year average survival ratio-net A\&E reserves divided by the three year average of net claim payments-improved to 6.8 years compared to 6.7 years last year.


## Asbestos

The industry continues to be faced with uncertainties surrounding the ultimate costs of asbestos liabilities. The quantification of asbestos liabilities of insurance and reinsurance companies is extremely difficult. This is due to a variety of factors, including, but not limited to the following:

- Identifying the source of contamination
- Potential harm to claimants and the legal environment have resulted in high litigation costs
- Disease latency-there are often long periods between asbestos-exposure and symptoms of disease

Despite these uncertainties, net asbestos-related reserves decreased $6.5 \%$ YoY to $\$ 15.7$ billion at December 31, 2018 and have decreased for the eighth consecutive year. In 2018, 10 of the top 30 insurers in terms of net asbestos-related reserves, reported an increase in net incurred losses. Overall, net incurred losses decreased 52.1\% over the prior year to $\$ 804$ million in 2018 from $\$ 1.7$ billion in 2017. Net claim payments increased $4.5 \%$ to $\$ 1.9$ billion versus $\$ 1.8$ billion a year ago. As a result, there was a slight improvement in the three-year average survival ratio to 7.0 years from 6.6 years, but remains far below the 10-year high of 10.5 years at year-end 2013.

## Environmental

Following increases in 2015 and 2016, net environmental reserves decreased for the second consecutive year. In the current year, net environmental reserves decreased $7.5 \%$ YoY to $\$ 4.3$ billion at December 31, 2018, as net claim payments totaling \$786 million exceeded net incurred losses totaling \$410 million. Compared to ten years ago, net environmental reserves have decreased by $23 \%$. The three-year average survival ratio for environmental-related reserves fell to 6.0 years from 6.7 years last year.

## Professional Reinsurance Market

Professional Reinsurers Financial Snapshot

| For the year ended December 31, | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unaffiliated APW | 39,369 | 37,342 | 36,487 | 36,432 | 35,869 | 34,514 | 35,883 | 35,028 | 30,944 | 33,227 |
| Net Premiums Written | 102,364 | 78,930 | 73,687 | 78,029 | 86,744 | 64,407 | 55,497 | 51,266 | 48,508 | 47,184 |
| Net Premiums Earned | 96,362 | 73,471 | 72,117 | 75,213 | 82,367 | 60,604 | 54,927 | 50,030 | 48,428 | 45,180 |
| Net Losses Incurred | 64,632 | 52,949 | 43,799 | 42,049 | 47,613 | 30,774 | 36,730 | 36,334 | 29,849 | 26,955 |
| Loss Expenses Incurred | 9,165 | 7,197 | 6,953 | 7,815 | 8,903 | 6,009 | 5,916 | 5,078 | 6,394 | 4,972 |
| Underwriting Expenses | 27,725 | 21,196 | 20,816 | 21,631 | 21,801 | 19,205 | 15,688 | 14,092 | 13,471 | 12,935 |
| Underwrting Gain (Loss) | $(5,065)$ | $(7,867)$ | 528 | 3,697 | 4,096 | 4,619 | $(3,405)$ | $(5,499)$ | $(1,136)$ | 347 |
| Net Loss Ratio | 76.6\% | 81.9\% | 70.4\% | 66.3\% | 68.6\% | 60.7\% | 77.6\% | 82.8\% | 74.8\% | 70.7\% |
| Expense Ratio | 27.1\% | 26.9\% | 28.2\% | 27.7\% | 25.1\% | 29.8\% | 28.3\% | 27.5\% | 27.8\% | 27.4\% |
| Combined Ratio | 103.7\% | 108.7\% | 98.6\% | 94.1\% | 93.8\% | 90.6\% | 106.0\% | 110.3\% | 102.7\% | 98.1\% |
| Net Invmnt. Inc. Earned | 17,021 | 12,587 | 11,794 | 13,087 | 19,503 | 15,699 | 13,846 | 12,620 | 14,105 | 10,782 |
| Net Realized Gains (Loss) | 2,423 | 2,875 | 2,443 | 2,142 | 3,219 | 10,081 | 521 | 1,807 | 3,013 | $(1,863)$ |
| Net Invmnt. Gain (Loss) | 19,443 | 15,462 | 14,237 | 15,229 | 22,722 | 25,780 | 14,368 | 14,427 | 17,118 | 8,919 |
| Investment Profit Ratio | 20.2\% | 21.0\% | 19.7\% | 20.2\% | 27.6\% | 42.5\% | 26.2\% | 28.8\% | 35.3\% | 19.7\% |
| Net Income | 13,584 | 1,055 | 13,283 | 16,010 | 21,120 | 26,625 | 9,617 | 8,169 | 14,124 | 7,302 |
| Return on Revenue | 11.7\% | 1.2\% | 15.4\% | 17.7\% | 20.1\% | 30.8\% | 13.9\% | 12.7\% | 21.5\% | 13.5\% |

(in millions, except for percent)
The professional reinsurance market includes reinsurers that collectively comprised the top 75\% of the industry's unaffiliated assumptions. In 2018, 30 reinsurers represented this market. Assumed premiums written in 2018 totaled $\$ 537.5$ billion for the overall industry, of which $\$ 485.2$ billion were affiliated and $\$ 52.3$ billion were unaffiliated assumptions. With respect unaffiliated assumptions, $\$ 39.4$ billion was assumed by the 30 professional reinsurers. As seen in the above table, the professional reinsurance market experienced a net underwriting loss of $\$ 5.1$ billion in 2018, while the overall industry experienced a $\$ 3.0$ billion underwriting gain, as a significant portion of the catastrophe losses were reinsured. The combined ratio improved slightly to $103.7 \%$ as the net loss ratio improved in 2018 to 76.6\%. The 2018 underwriting loss was offset by a net investment profit of $\$ 19.4$ billion, resulting in a net profit of $\$ 13.6$ billion. Return on revenue was 11.7\%, a sharp improvement compared to $1.2 \%$ in 2017.


## Emerging Topics

## Private Flood Insurance

Federal banking regulators finalized the rules on private flood insurance, which will be effective July 1, 2019, which will require lenders to accept private flood insurance policies that meet the same requirements as a National Flood Insurance Policy to satisfy the mandatory purchase agreement. The rule requires insurers to certify that their private flood insurance policies meet certain requirements set forth in the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, in order for banks to accept such policies. The final rule would also provide banks the option to accept private flood policies that did not meet the mandatory acceptance requirements set forth in the Biggert-Waters statute, subject to certain conditions.

Some additional details on the final rule include:

- Mandatory Acceptance (insurer self-certification) - If a policy or endorsement states: "This policy meets the definition of private flood insurances contained in 42 USC 4102a(b)(7) and the corresponding regulation", Lenders could rely upon an insurer self-certification that the policy meets the federal regulatory definition.
- Discretionary Acceptance - Maintains lenders' ability to accept private flood insurance that does not meet the federal definition on a discretionary basis, so long as the policy provides sufficient protection to the loan in accordance to the lenders' general safety and soundness requirements.

Lenders would have to document their conclusion in writing for federal regulators regarding sufficiency of protection.

## Cyber

Cybersecurity insurance premiums totaled \$2.0 billion in 2018, a slight increase compared to \$1.9 billion in 2017. 96\% of policies were part of a package with 1.6 million occurrence policies and 1.3 million claims-made policies. In 2018, Cyber package policy direct premiums were $\$ 898.2$ million, a slight decrease compared to $\$ 1.0$ billion in 2017. Standalone direct premiums increased $24.7 \%$ in 2018 to $\$ 1.1$ billion.



## Title Industry Overview

U.S. Title Insurance Industry Results
(in millions, except for percent)

| For the year ended December 31, | YoY Chg | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Premiums Written | 0.8\% | \$14,731 | \$14,617 | \$14,133 | \$12,964 | \$11,156 | \$12,569 | \$11,246 | \$9,249 | \$9,438 | \$9,286 |
| Title Premiums Earned | 1.5\% | \$14,678 | \$14,461 | \$13,976 | \$12,787 | \$11,389 | \$12,490 | \$11,233 | \$9,364 | \$9,403 | \$9,468 |
| Loss \& LAE Incurred | 2.4\% | \$644 | \$629 | \$687 | \$672 | \$742 | \$825 | \$851 | \$1,102 | \$1,105 | \$1,024 |
| Operating Exp. Incurred | 0.3\% | \$14,137 | \$14,089 | \$13,357 | \$12,163 | \$10,659 | \$11,919 | \$10,881 | \$9,300 | \$9,597 | \$9,693 |
| Net Operating Gain/(Loss) | 24.6\% | \$1,103 | \$885 | \$871 | \$831 | \$799 | \$686 | \$498 | (\$22) | (\$214) | (\$133) |
| Net Loss Ratio | 0.1 pts | 4.4\% | 4.3\% | 4.9\% | 5.3\% | 6.5\% | 6.6\% | 7.6\% | 11.8\% | 11.8\% | 10.8\% |
| Expense Ratio | (0.4) pts | 96.0\% | 96.4\% | 94.6\% | 93.9\% | 95.7\% | 94.8\% | 96.7\% | 100.9\% | 101.7\% | 104.4\% |
| Combined Ratio | (0.4) pts | 100.4\% | 100.8\% | 99.5\% | 99.1\% | 102.2\% | 101.5\% | 104.3\% | 112.7\% | 113.4\% | 115.2\% |
| Net Invmnt. Inc. Earned | 3.4\% | \$360 | \$348 | \$276 | \$326 | \$261 | \$274 | \$321 | \$346 | \$334 | \$517 |
| Net Realized Gains (Loss) | NM | \$(75) | \$142 | \$162 | \$9 | \$1 | \$26 | \$36 | \$34 | (\$80) | (\$50) |
| Net Invmnt. Gain (Loss) | (41.8\%) | \$285 | \$489 | \$437 | \$336 | \$262 | \$299 | \$356 | \$380 | \$254 | \$467 |
| Net Income | 21.1\% | \$1,230 | \$1,016 | \$961 | \$871 | \$855 | \$769 | \$719 | \$309 | \$31 | \$351 |
| Net Cash From Ops | 20.8\% | \$1,441 | \$1,193 | \$1,081 | \$1,039 | \$698 | \$706 | \$844 | \$167 | \$202 | \$188 |
| Liquidity Ratio | (1.0) pts | 66.9\% | 67.9\% | 70.6\% | 70.4\% | 73.3\% | 76.1\% | 81.7\% | 96.3\% | 98.3\% | 102.6\% |
| December 31, | YoY Chg | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Policyholders' Surplus | 2.3\% | \$4,909 | \$4,818 | \$4,800 | \$4,357 | \$4,251 | \$4,122 | \$3,842 | \$2,950 | \$2,984 | \$3,201 |

## Premium

Title premiums are produced almost entirely on a direct basis, either through direct operations or agency operations (mostly non-affiliated with $62.2 \%$ of total DPW). According to the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development March 2019 statistics, new home sales were up $3.0 \%$ YoY contributing to a an increase in title direct premiums to $\$ 14.8$ billion. Nearly half of direct premiums were concentrated in five states (TX, CA, FL, NY, and PA), which represented $47.3 \%$ of total DPW. With less than $1 \%$ reinsurance utilized in the industry, net premiums written totaled $\$ 14.7$ billion and net retention was flat at $99.5 \%$. The industry's net writings leverage ratio declined 3.3 percentage points to $300.1 \%$.

## Profitability

The title industry reported a net operating gain for the seventh consecutive year with a gain of $\$ 1.1$ billion for the year compared to the prior year gain of $\$ 884.8$ million. While total operating income increased $1.8 \%$ or $\$ 279.4$ million to $\$ 15.9$ billion, total operating expenses were nearly flat at $\$ 14.8$ billion. The combined ratio was $100.4 \%$ and was comprised of a $4.4 \%$ loss ratio and a $96.0 \%$ expense ratio.

Net investment income earned increased $3.4 \%$ to $\$ 359.5$ million less net realized capital losses of $\$(74.5)$ million which resulted in a net investment gain of $\$ 285.0$ million for the year, compared to a gain of $\$ 489.3$ million in the prior year.

Ultimately, the industry reported a $21.1 \%$ or $\$ 214.8$ million YoY improvement in net income to $\$ 1.2$ billion in 2018 compared to net income of $\$ 1.0$ billion in 2017.

## Capital \& Surplus

Industry aggregated policyholders' surplus increased $2.3 \%$ million to $\$ 4.9$ billion. The gain was mainly driven by net income of $\$ 1.2$ billion and paid in capital of $\$ 78.0$ million. The increase was partly offset by dividends paid to stockholders of $\$ 977.2$ million, a $\$ 95.7$ million increase in nonadmitted assets, unrealized capital losses of $\$ 62.6$ million, and net unrealized foreign exchange capital losses of $\$ 18.3$ million. Return on surplus, a measure of net income to average policyholders' surplus, was $25.3 \%$.

## Cash \& Liquidity

Net cash from operations increased $20.7 \%$ to $\$ 1.4$ billion compared to $\$ 1.2$ billion in the prior year. The improvement was due to a $\$ 202.2$ million increase in cash inflows to $\$ 16.3$ billion that resulted from a $1.0 \%$ rise in net premiums collected net of reinsurance and a $6.1 \%$ rise in miscellaneous income. Cash outflows declined $\$ 45.4$ million due to a $\$ 60.7$ million decline in federal and foreign income taxes to $\$ 270.2$ million, and a $\$ 29.1$ million decline in benefit and loss related payments to 577.5 million.

The industry's liquidity ratio improved 1.7 percentage points to $66.9 \%$, as adjusted liabilities declined $\$ 10.7$ million to $\$ 5.4$ billion and liquid assets increased $\$ 191.1$ million to $\$ 8.1$ billion.

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