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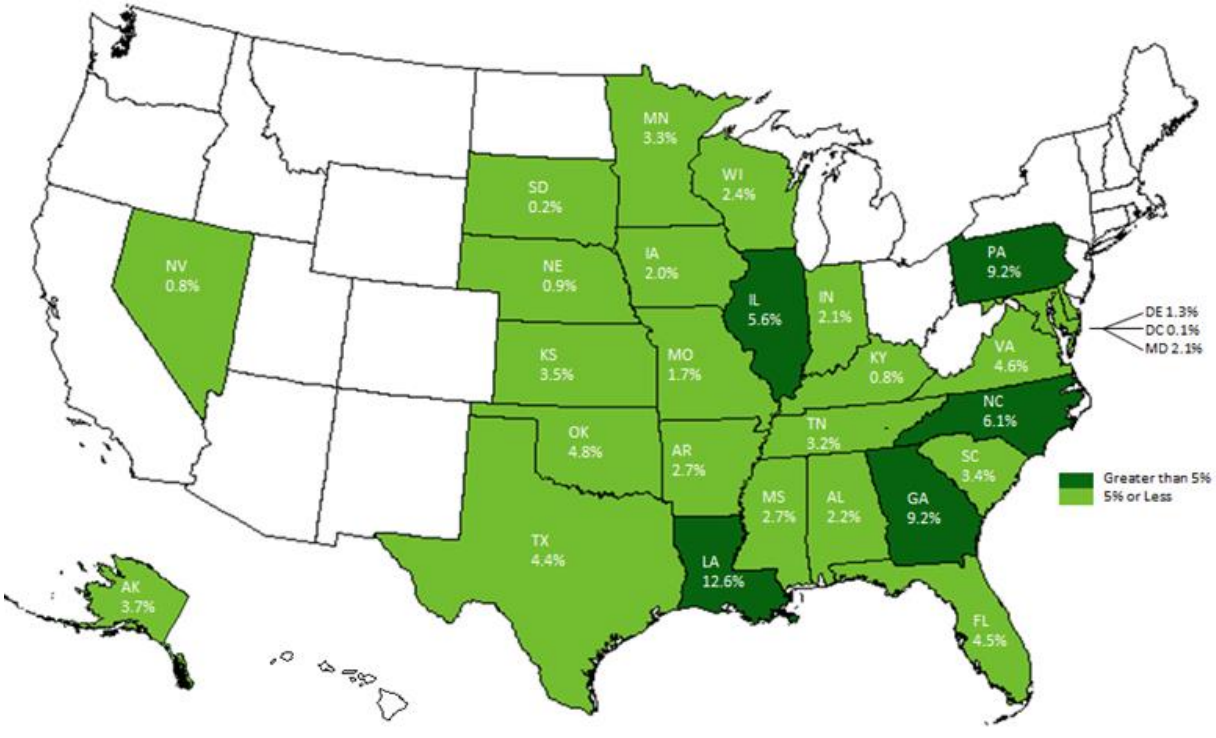
Overview

AMERISAFE has a 28-year operating history as a specialty provider of workers' compensation insurance for small to mid-sized employers engaged in high hazard industries

3Q2014 Highlights

- GPW up 9.1%
- Combined ratio: 86.4%
- ROAE: 12.2%

Premium Distribution by State

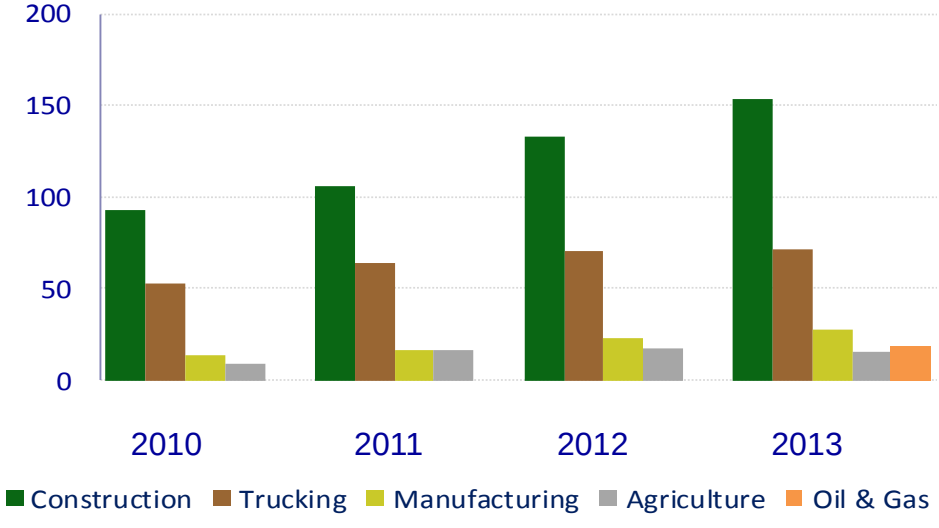


AMERISAFE actively markets insurance in 30 states and D.C.

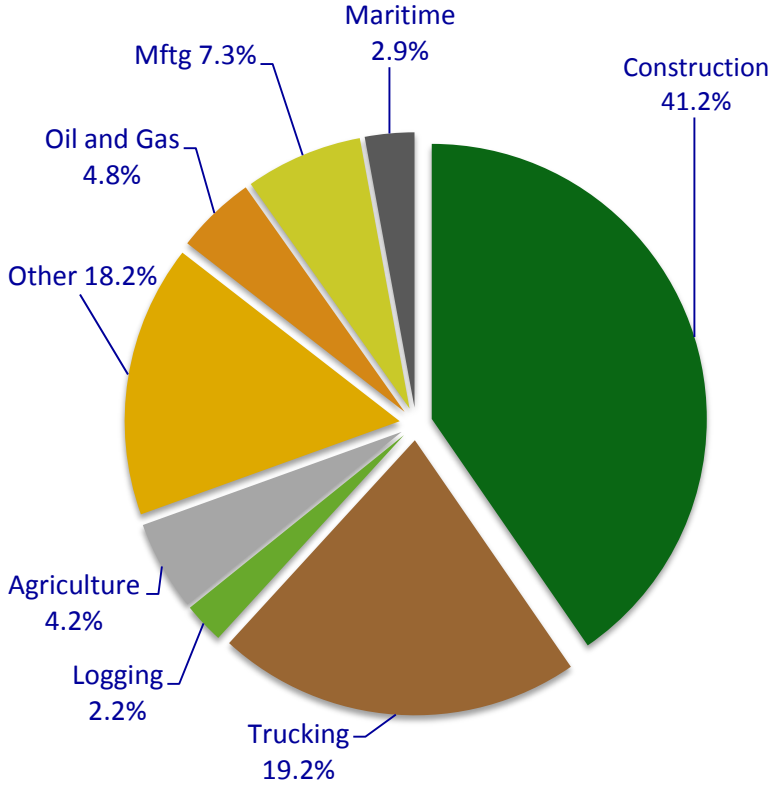
Premium Distribution

Historical Premium Distribution of Major Industry Groups

(in $ millions)



Premium Distribution by Industry as of 12/31/13



Pillars of Distinction



High Hazard Niche Focus

- Rate more than 3x national average
- Difficult to serve industry sub-segments
- Mobile workforce-non-fixed workplace environment
- Less impacted by soft market cycles

Small to Mid-Size Employer Focus

- Less competition
- Less price sensitivity
- More difficult to serve
- Higher client retention
- Requires expense management/ operational efficiency

High Hazard Underwriting Expertise

- Industry-specific risk analysis tools
- Underwriters' knowledge of industry practices
- No MGA's/MGU's
- Track record of pricing discipline

Comprehensive Safety Services

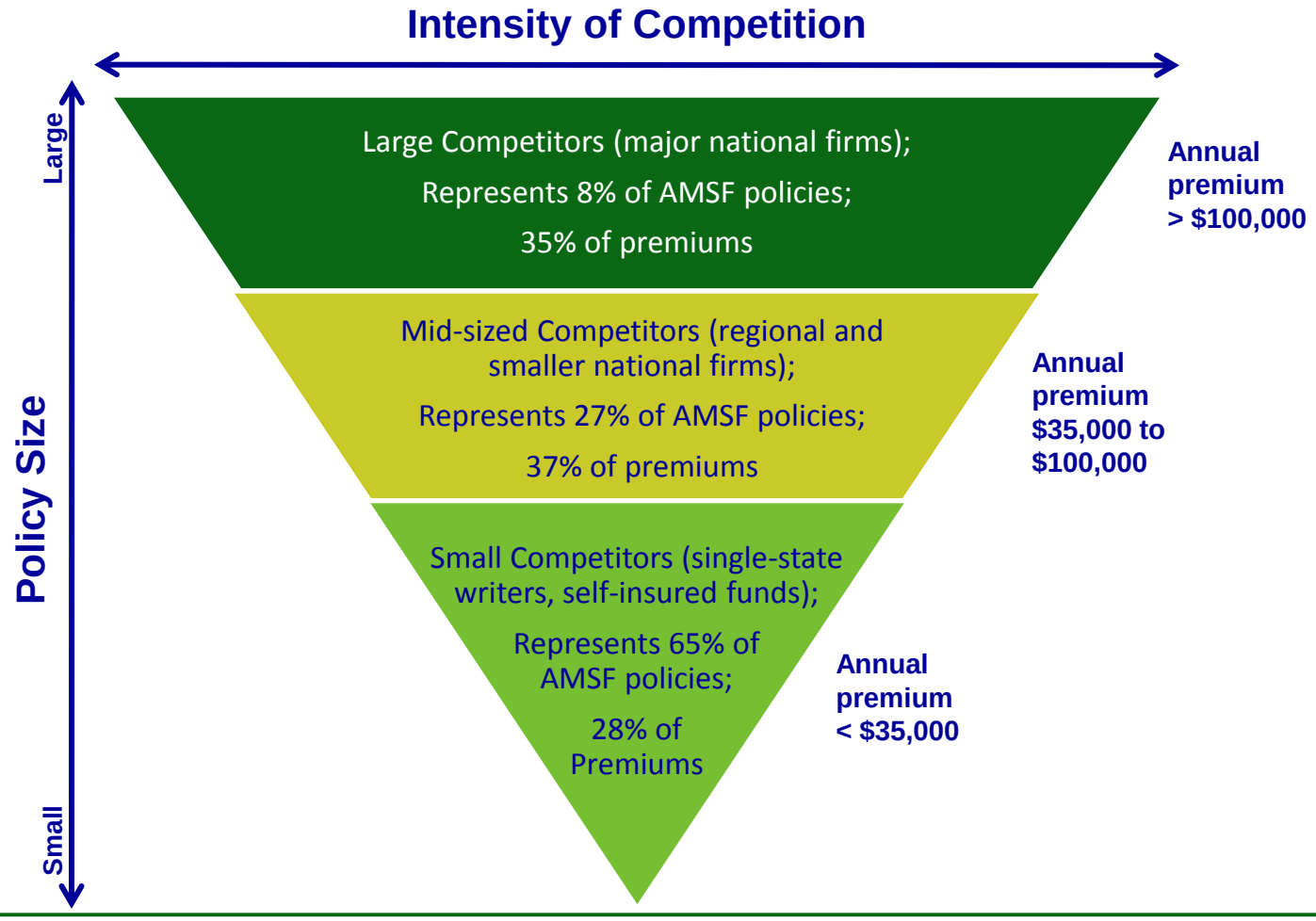
- Field Safety Professionals (FSPs) maintain in-depth knowledge of high hazard industries
- Pre-quotation, worksite safety inspection performed on 86% of new accounts
- FSPs geographically dispersed

Intensive Claims Management

- Field Case Managers (FCMs) located in service areas
- Low case load 53 claims per FCM
- Higher severity losses require unique claims handling skills and processes
- FCMs focus on timely resolution of claims

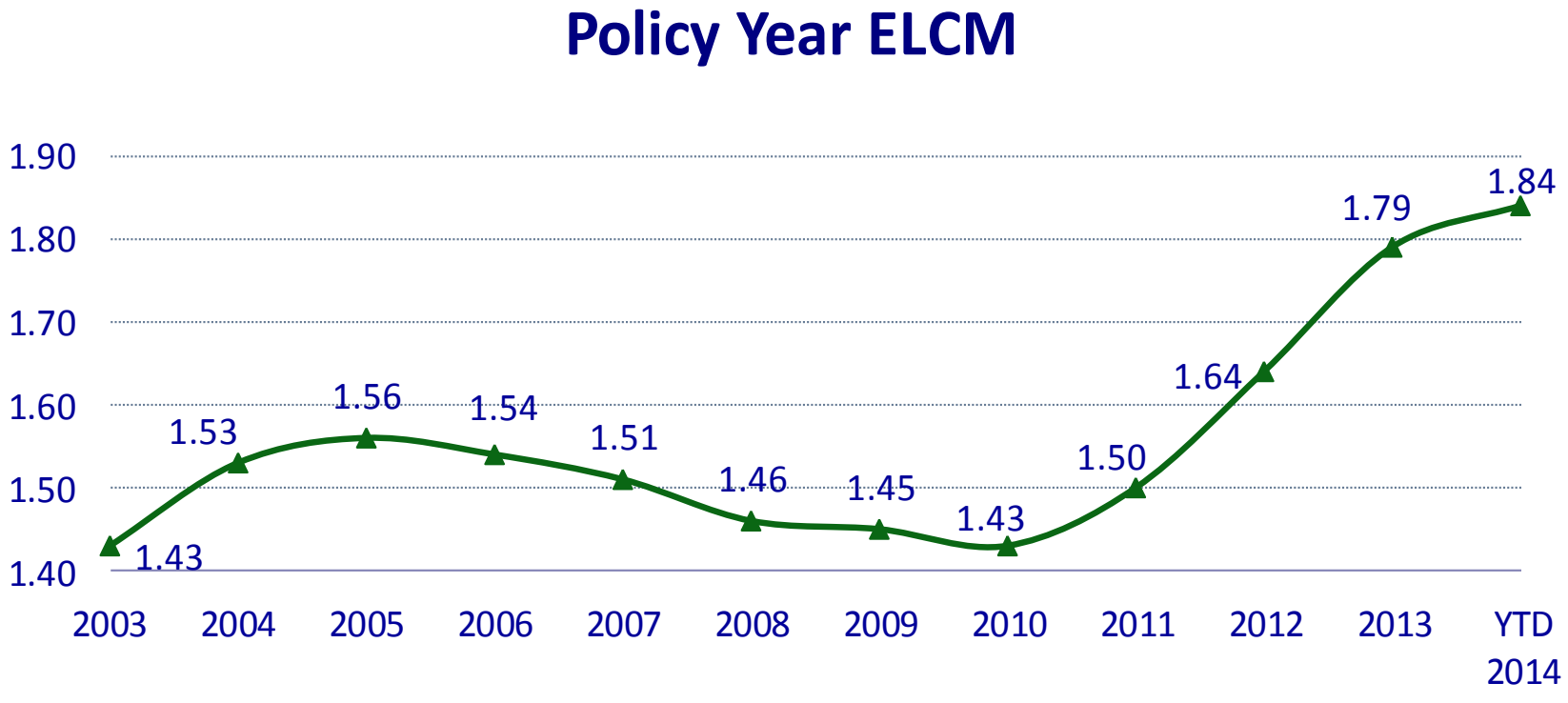
Amerisafe Customer Overview

- Competition is fragmented, and favors multi-state writers of small to mid-sized employers

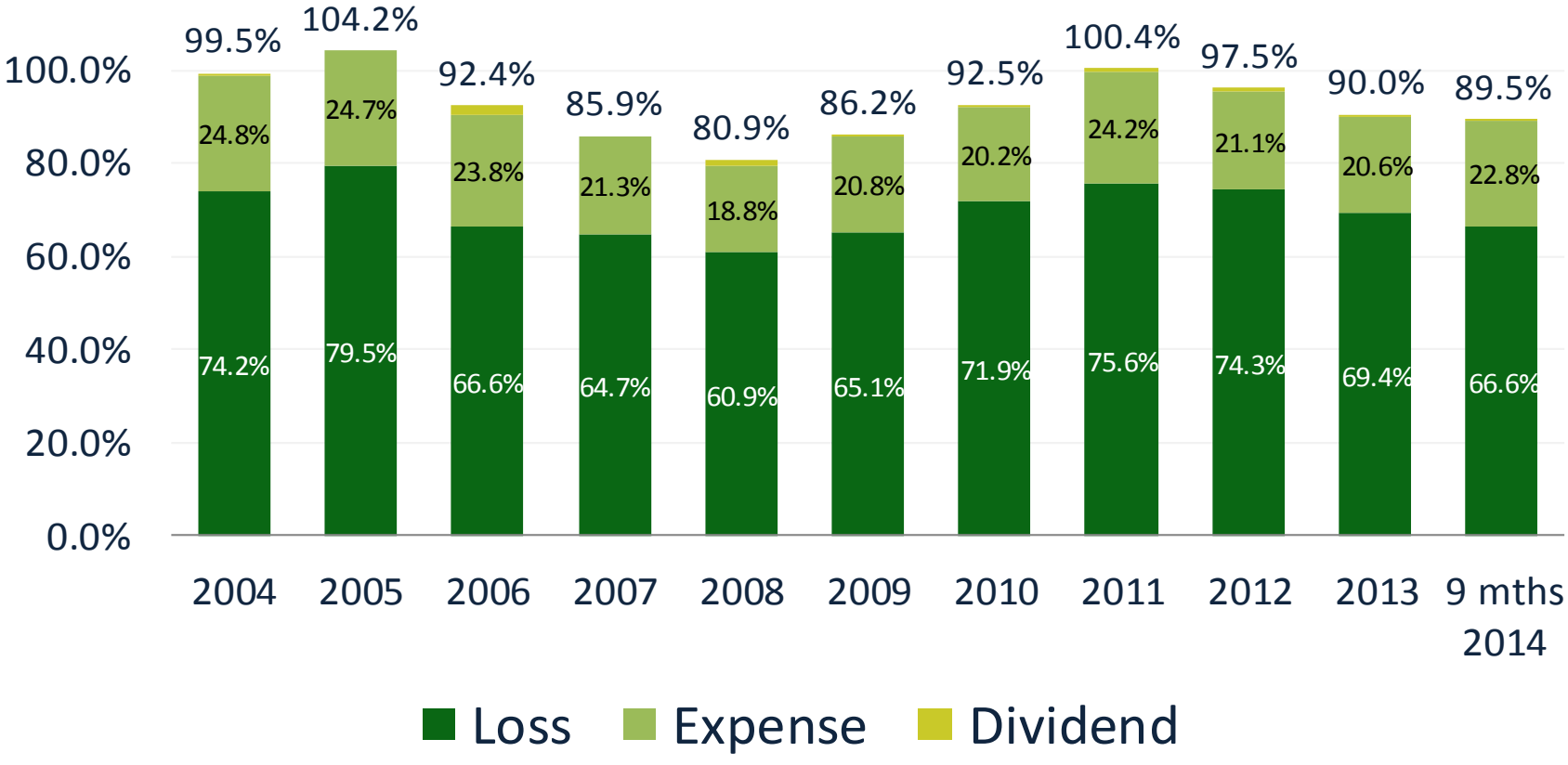


Pricing for Profitability

- Loss costs – estimated loss/$100 payroll approved by state regulator
- Loss cost multiplier (LCM) – multiplier applied to loss costs to cover company expenses above loss costs
- Effective loss cost multiplier (ELCM) – aggregate actual LCM, including the impact of discretionary pricing as permitted



Combined Ratio



Consistently profitable underwriting

- 10 yr average combined ratio of 93.0%
- 8 yr average 90.7%

Economic Model - ROE Drivers

	3Q2014
Loss Ratio	64.4%
+	
Expense Ratio	21.9%
+	
Policyholder Dividend Ratio	0.1%
=	
Combined Ratio	86.4%
Underwriting Profit	13.6%
x	
Operating Leverage	0.85
=	
Pre-tax ROE from Underwriting	11.6%
Pre-tax Investment Yield	2.4%
x	
Investment Leverage	2.4
=	
Pre-tax ROE from Investing	5.8%
Pre-tax ROE from Other Income (Expense)	0.1%
Pre-tax ROE	17.5%
Effective Tax Rate	30.3%
ROE	12.2%

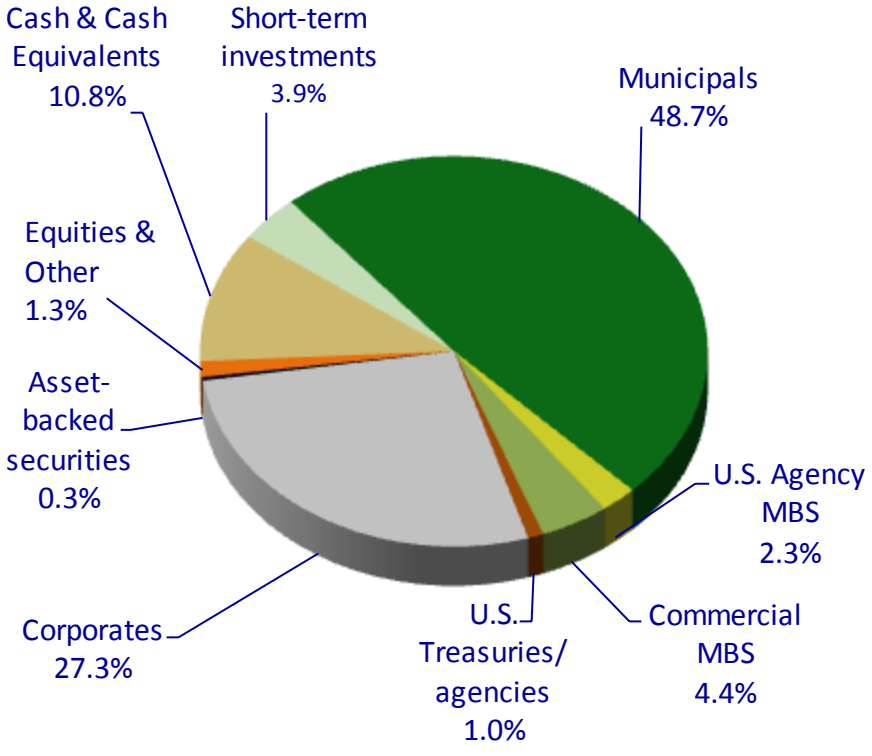
❖Imperative to execute on the fundamentals of underwriting, safety and claims

❖ At current leverage ratios, a 1 point change in Loss Ratio equates to a 33 BP change in yield to maintain ROE

Investment Portfolio

Portfolio Allocation

(as of 9/30/2014)



Value of Fixed-Maturity Securities Classified as Held-to-Maturity

(as of 9/30/2014)

Investment	Book Value ($millions)	Fair Value ($millions)	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Municipals	$374.9	$395.9	$21.0
Corporate Bonds	$144.9	$145.3	$0.4
Commercial MBS	$47.7	$50.0	$2.3
U.S. Agency MBS	$18.0	$19.7	$1.7
U.S. Treasuries	$10.7	$11.7	$1.0
ABS	$2.9	$3.1	0.2
Total	**$599.1**	**$625.7**	**$26.6**

- Carrying value of cash and investments was $1.1 billion at September 30, 2014
- As of 9/30/2014, fixed-maturity securities have an average composite credit rating of “AA-”

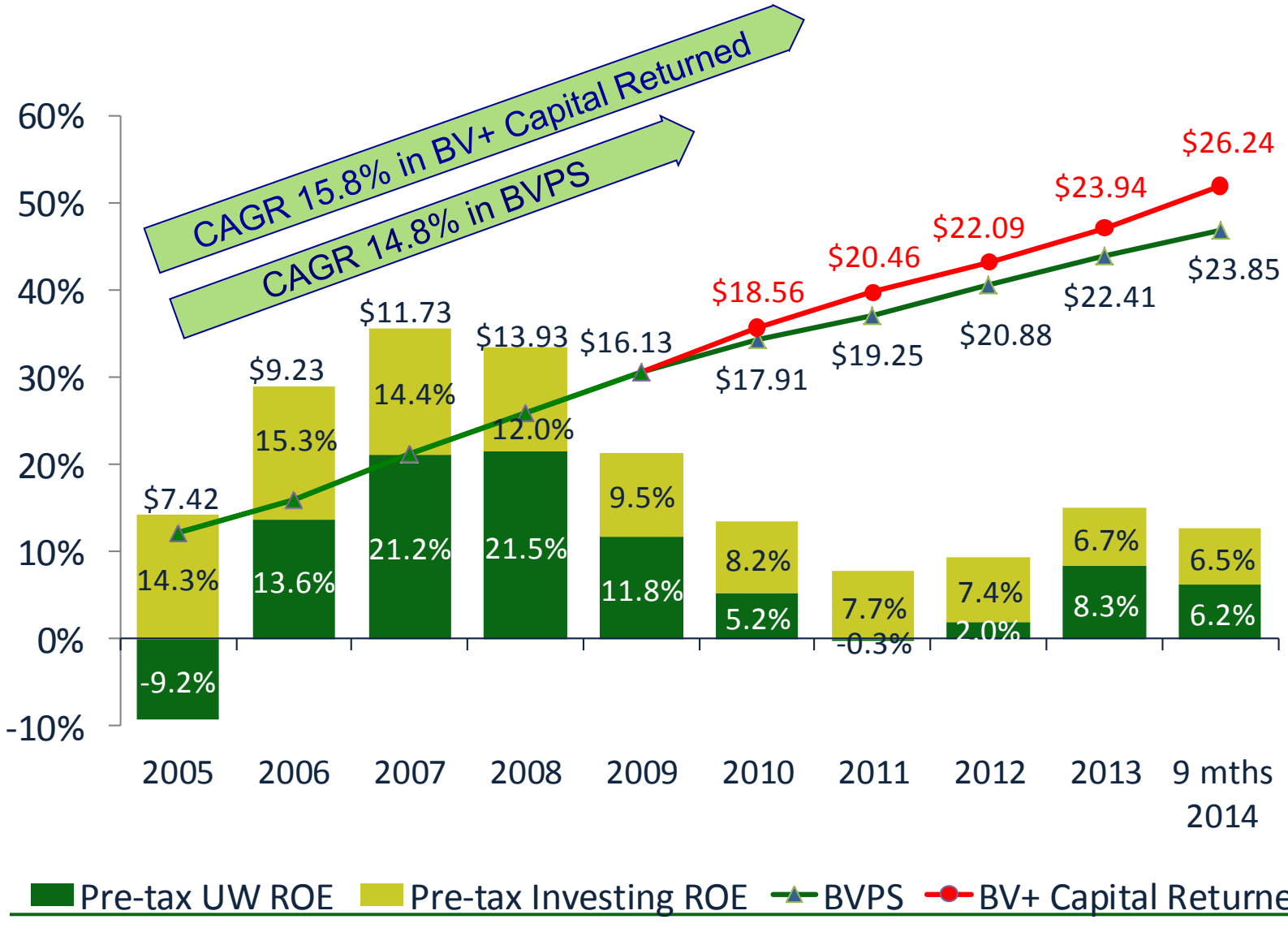
Capital Management

- Goal: Maintain and Balance
  Hold prudent capital levels to maintain A.M. Best financial strength rating of “A”, yet achieve attractive returns for shareholders

- History of Proactive Capital Management
  - **$**62.0M of preferred and debt retirement
  - $22.4M of share repurchases
  - $21.9M of dividends paid
  - $21.1M declared and payable on December 26th

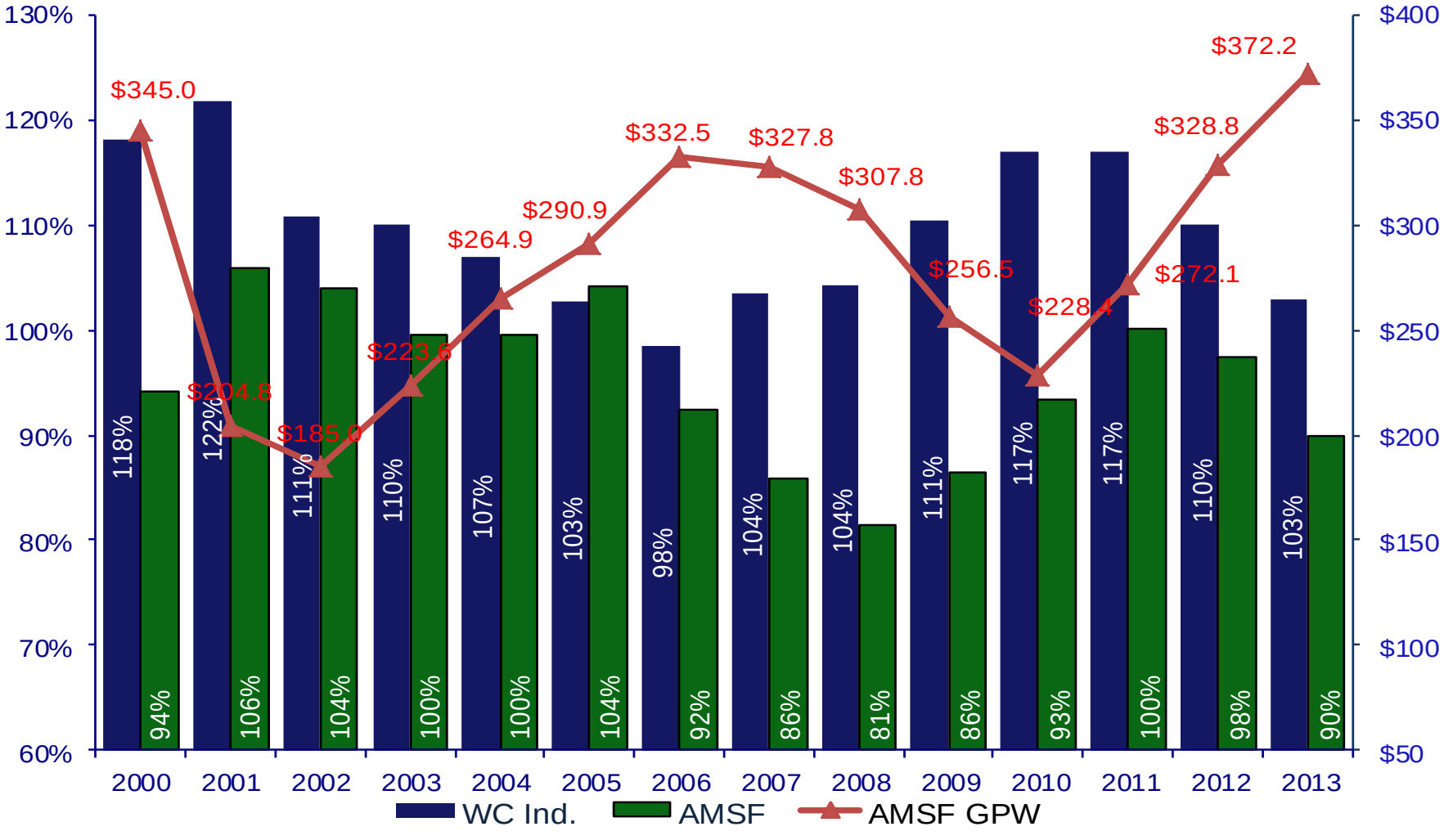
- Current Capital Deployment Strategies
  - Organic growth
  - Acquisition considerations
    - Renewal rights
    - Balance sheet
  - $25M Share repurchase authorization
  - Continued dividend payments

Historical Financial Performance



Current Workers' Compensation Market Conditions

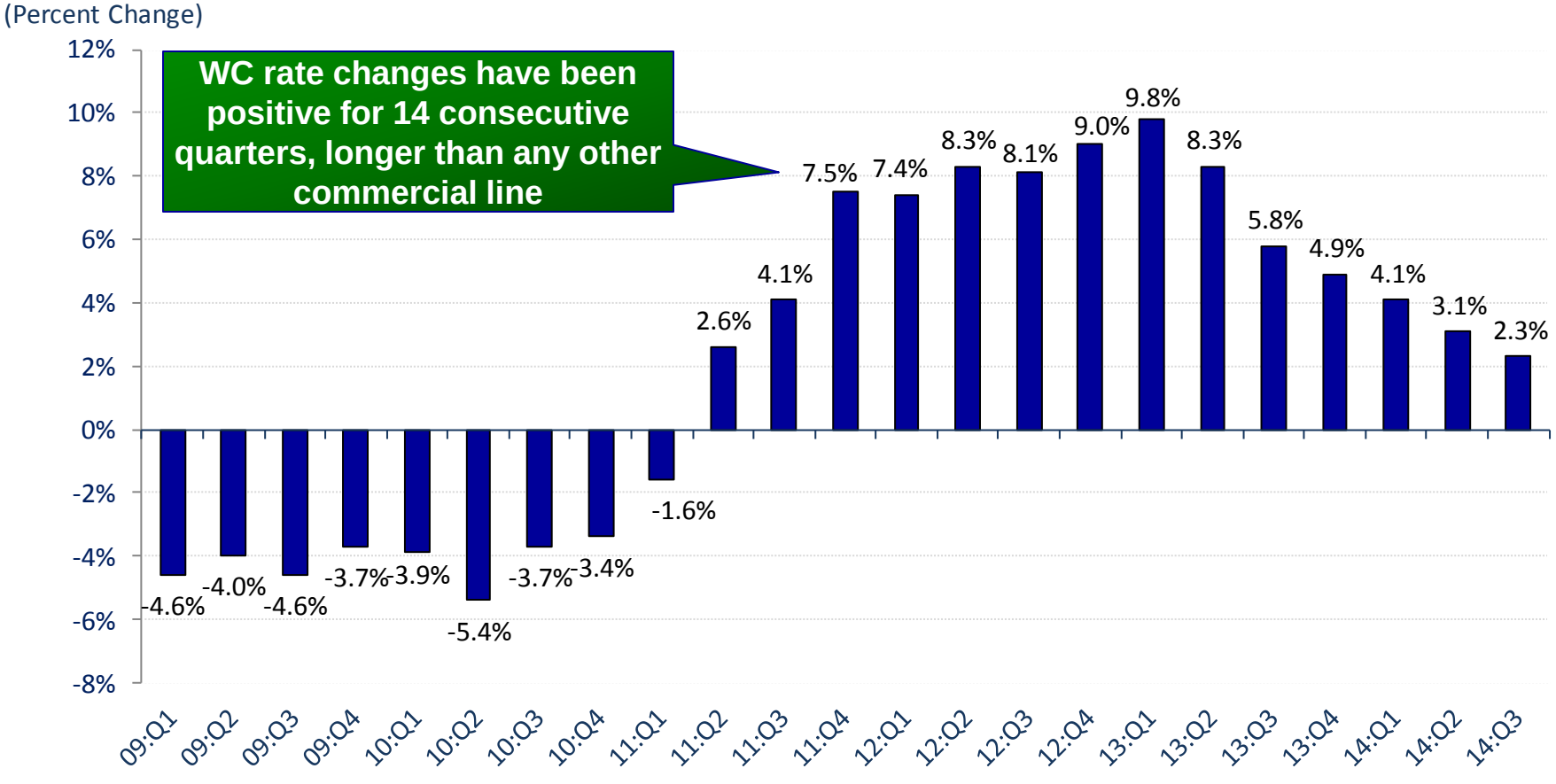
WC Industry Combined Ratio



- AMSF Average Outperformance 14.4 pts., Since 2000
- AMSF Average Outperformance 17.3 pts., Since 2006

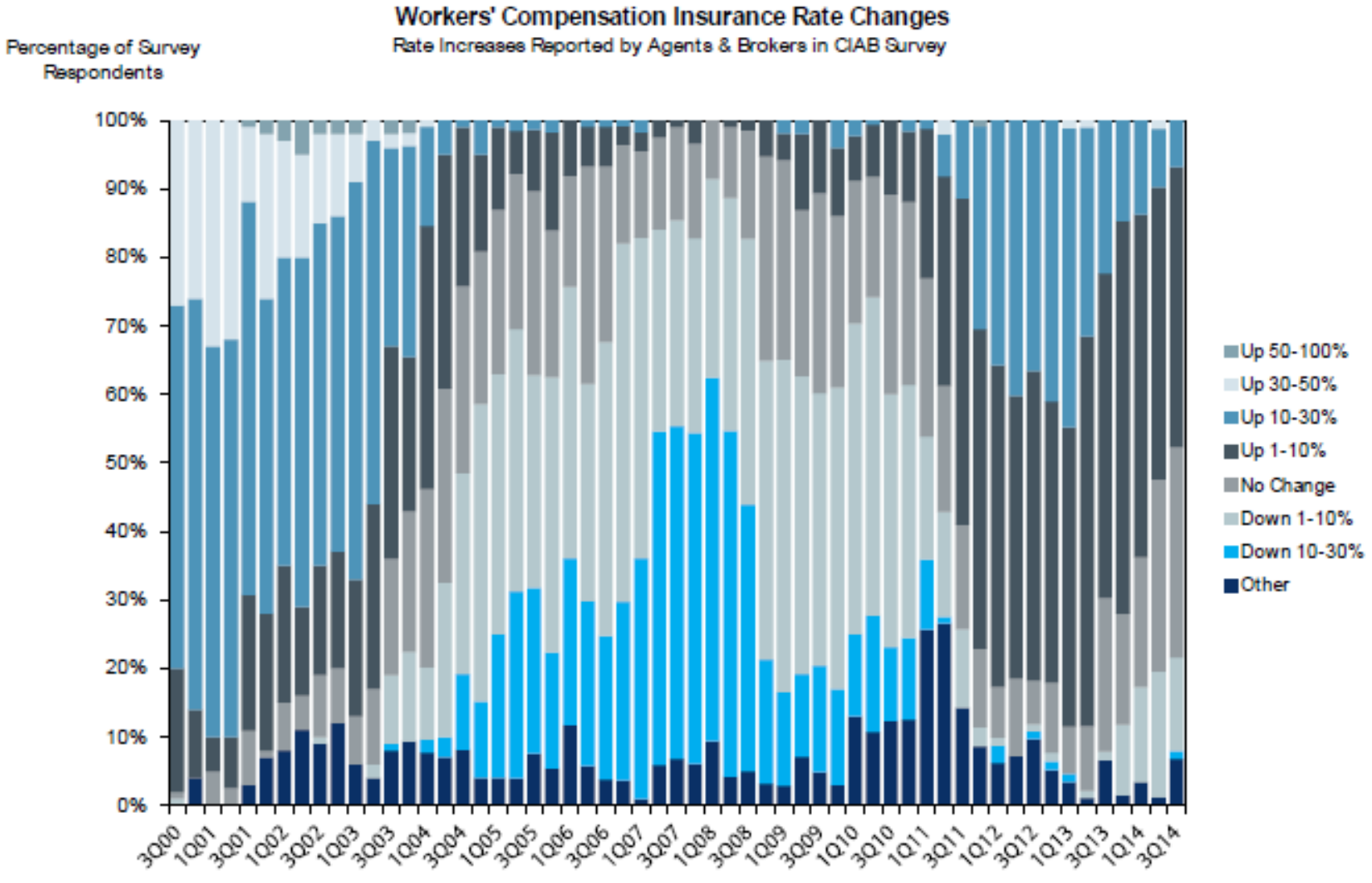
Sources: A.M. Best; Insurance Information Institute.

Workers Comp Rate Changes, 2009:Q1 – 2014:Q3



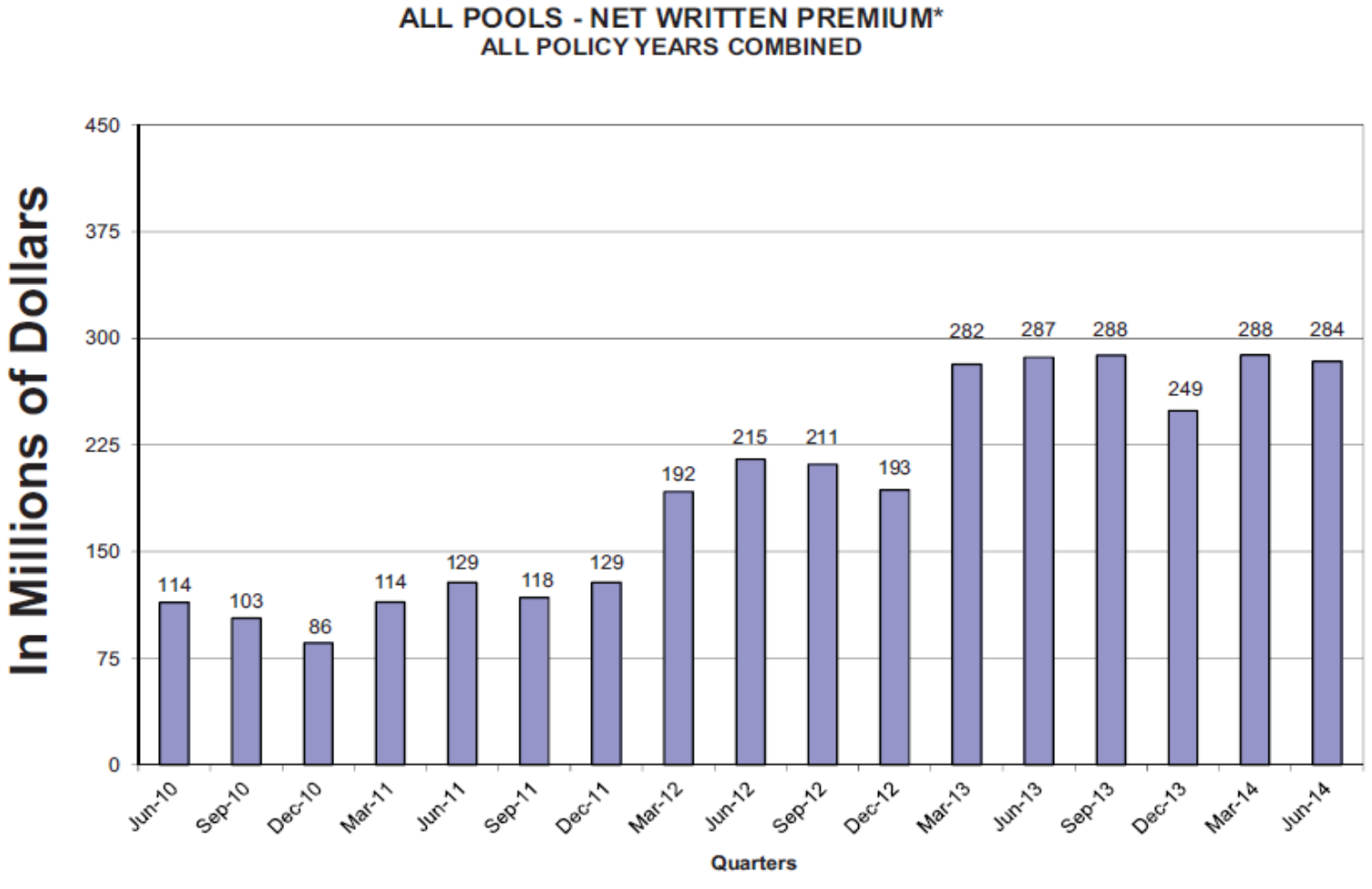
Source: The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers.

WC Insurance Rate Changes



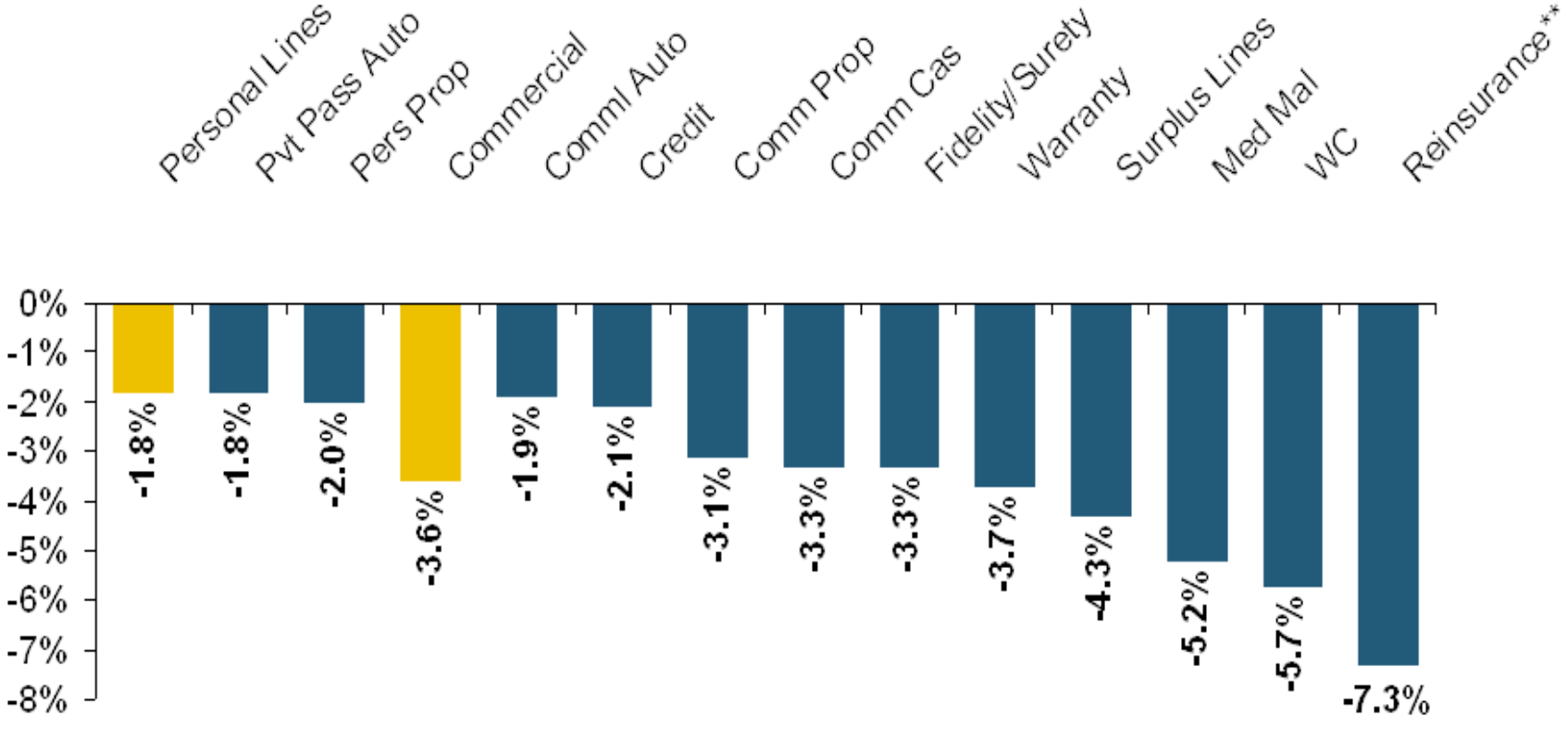
Source: The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers. Chart prepared by Barclays Research.

Residual Market Results



*Premium volume shown is net of uncollectible premium for all states and net of premium ceded for the cost of excess reinsurance for AK and NM. Source: National Council of Compensation Insurance, Inc.

Reduction in Combined Ratio Necessary to Offset 1% Decline in Investment Yield to Maintain Constant ROE, by Line*



Lower Investment Earnings Place a Greater Burden on Underwriting and Pricing Discipline

*Based on 2008 Invested Assets and Earned Premiums; **US domestic reinsurance only
Source: A.M. Best; Insurance Information Institute.

Appendix

Nasdaq: AMSF

Market Statistics:

Stock Price	**$41.43**
52 week range	**$35.15 - $45.95**
Shares Outstanding	**18.7 M**
Market Cap	**$775 M**
Book Value per Share	**$23.85**
Price-to-Book	**1.74**

Market data as of November 21, 2014; Financial data as of September 30, 2014

Selected Balance Sheet Data

(in thousands)

	3Q 2014	2013	2012
Investments, Cash and cash equivalents	1,092,146	1,001,852	900,792
Amounts recoverable from reinsurers	89,847	75,326	101,352
Premiums receivable, net	193,615	171,579	141,950
Deferred income taxes	33,830	33,645	29,521
Deferred policy acquisition costs	21,016	19,171	18,419
Total Assets	1,467,384	1,329,001	1,220,946
Reserves for loss and loss adjustment expenses	676,609	614,557	570,450
Unearned premiums	178,449	164,296	140,528
Insurance-related assessments	32,175	25,428	22,244
Shareholders' equity	448,483	416,814	381,222
Metrics			
Book Value Per Share	$23.85	$22.41	$20.88

Income Statement

(in thousands)

	3Q 2014	9 mos. 2014	2013
Revenues:			
Gross premiums written	$93,962	$303,485	$372,177
Ceded premiums written	(3,823)	(10,655)	(18,425)
Net premiums written	$90,139	$292,830	$353,752
Net premiums earned	$95,928	$278,677	$329,983
Net investment income	6,495	20,048	27,029
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	(152)	181	(1,211)
Fee and other income	65	227	534
Total revenues	102,336	299,133	356,335
Expenses:			
Loss and loss adjustment expenses incurred	61,822	185,570	228,973
Underwriting and other operating costs	21,027	63,410	67,116
Interest expense	--	--	--
Policyholder dividends	139	340	1,042
Total expenses	82,988	249,320	297,131
Income before taxes	19,348	49,813	59,204
Income tax expense	5,868	13,012	15,567
Net income	$13,479	$36,801	$43,637