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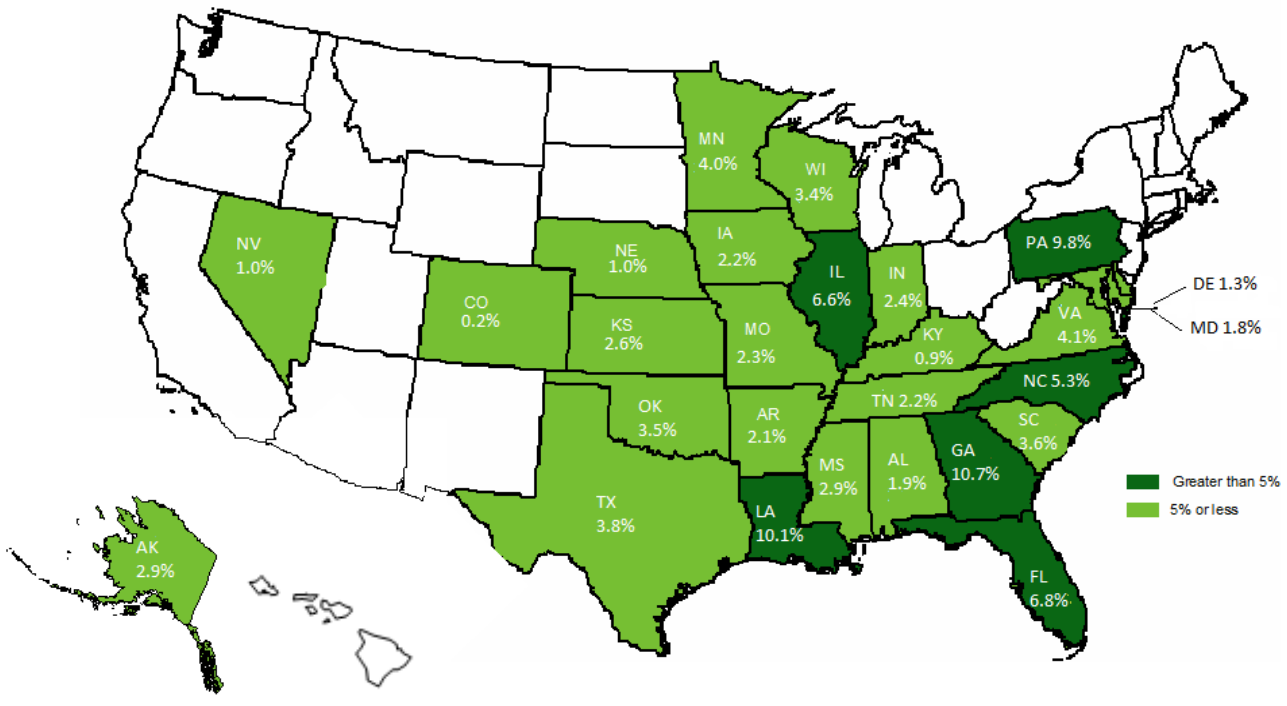
Overview

AMERISAFE has a 30-year operating history as a specialty provider of workers' compensation insurance for small to mid-sized employers engaged in high hazard industries

2015 Highlights

- GPW Growth: -1.9%
- Combined ratio: 79.8%
- ROAE: 15.6%

Premium Distribution by State

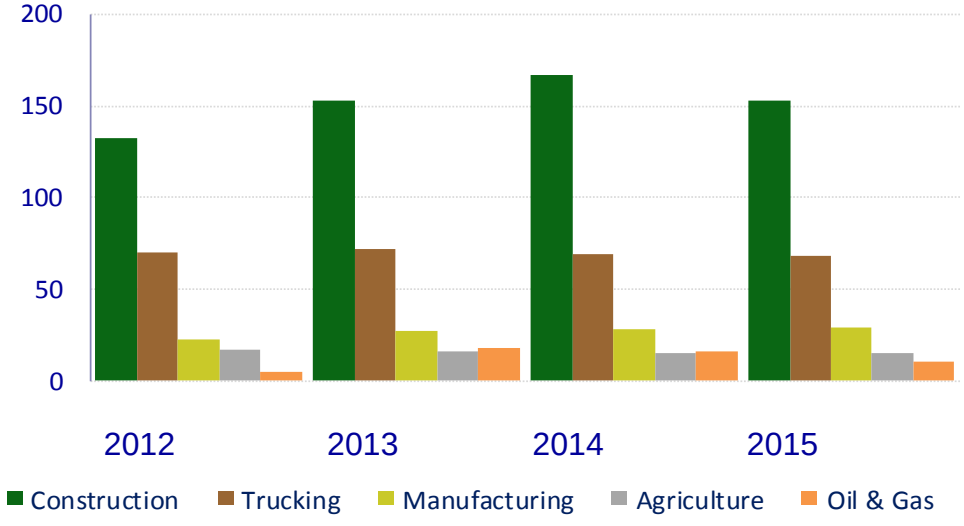


AMERISAFE actively markets insurance in 27 states

Premium Distribution

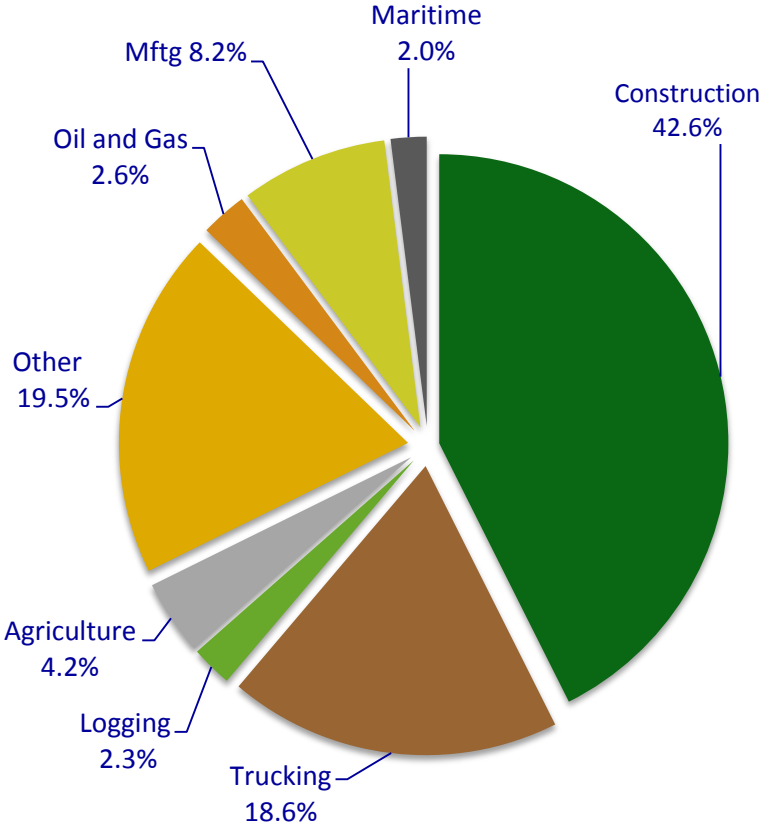
Historical Premium Distribution of Major Industry Groups

(in $ millions)



Premium Distribution by Industry as of 12/31/15

*Includes Assigned Risk & Assumed premiums



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

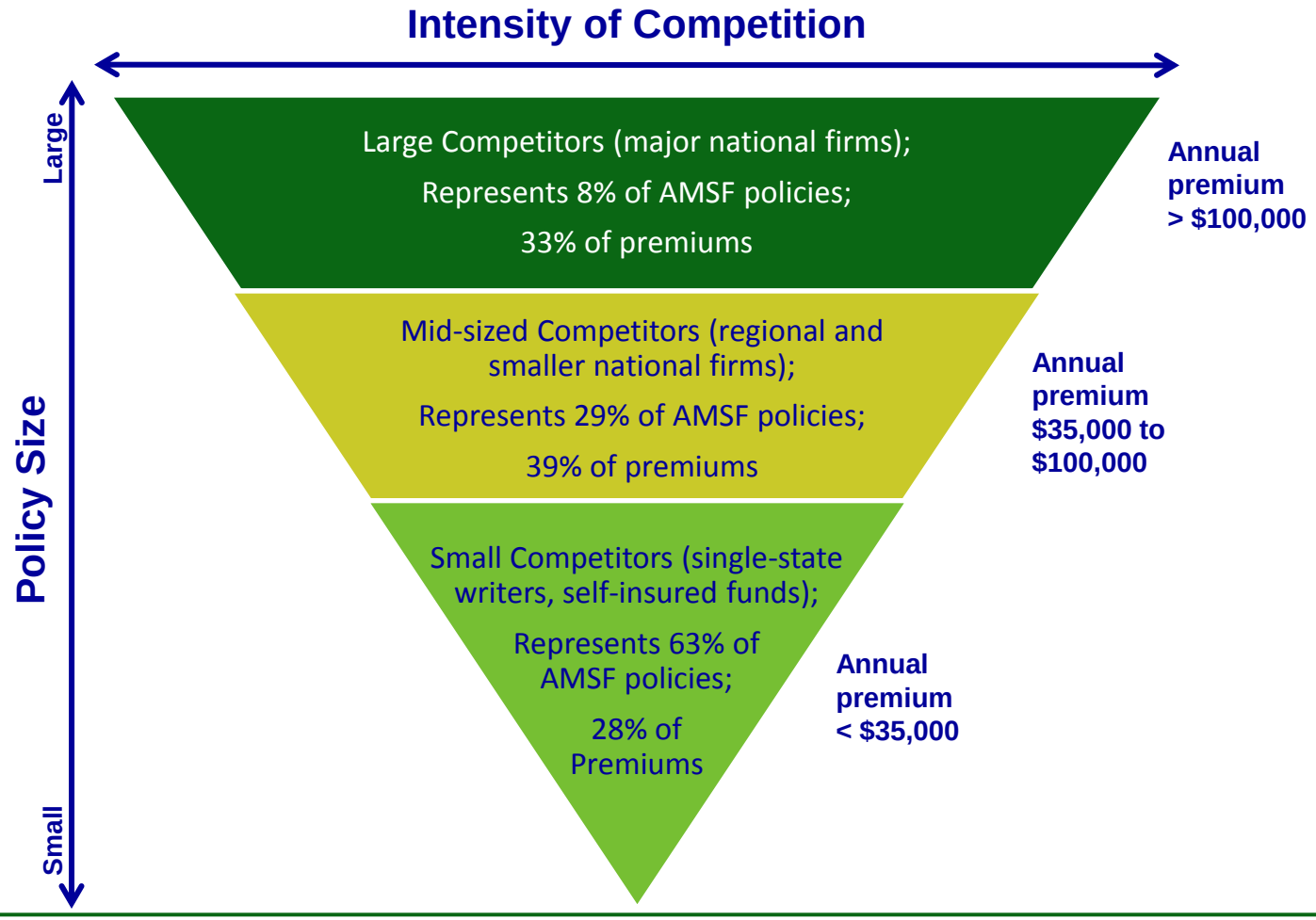
- Field Safety Professionals (FSPs) maintain in-depth knowledge of high hazard industries
- Pre-quotation, worksite safety inspection performed on 90% of new accounts
- FSPs geographically dispersed

Intensive Claims Management

- Field Case Managers (FCMs) located in service areas
- Low case load 50 claims per FCM
- Higher severity losses require unique claims handling skills and processes
- FCMs focus on timely resolution of claims

Amerisafe Customer Overview

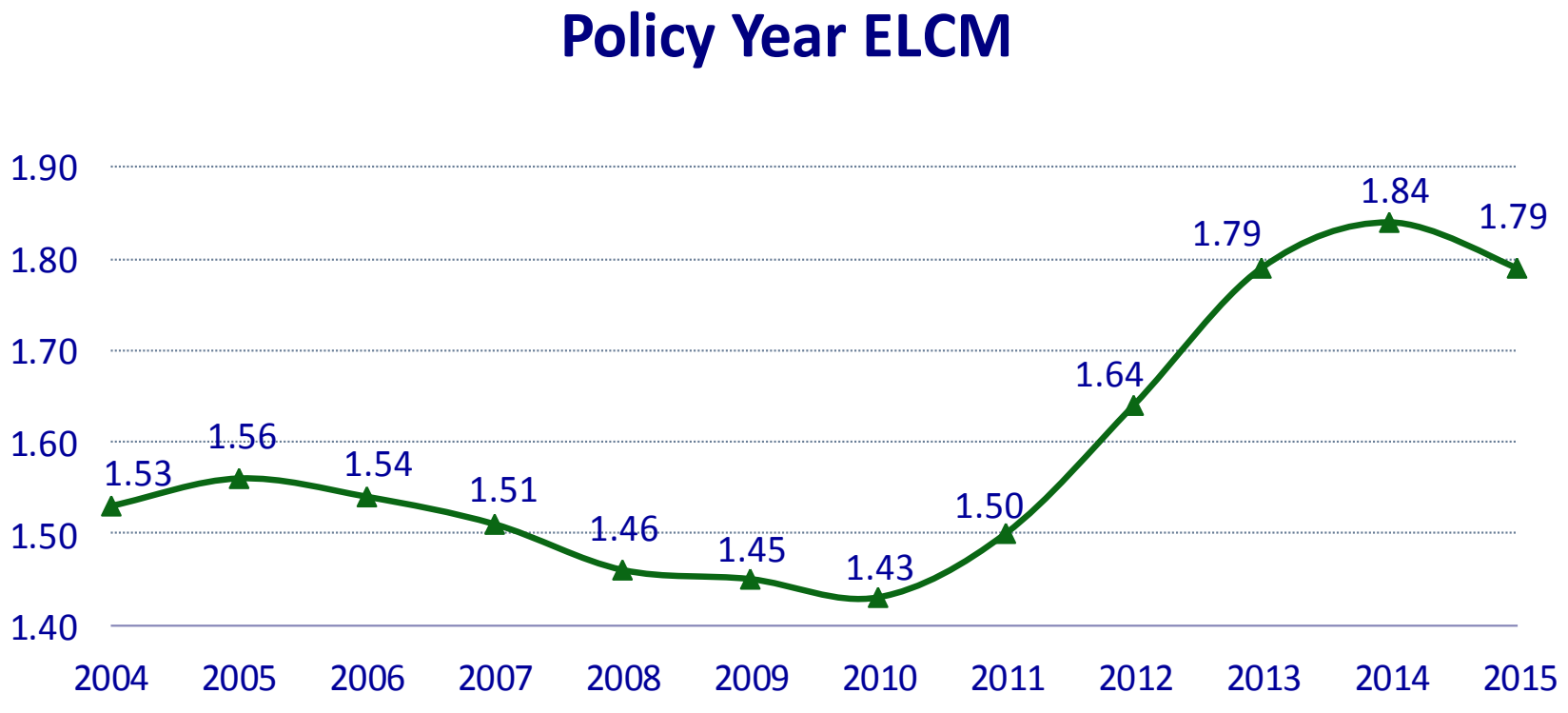
- Competition is fragmented, and favors multi-state writers of small to mid-sized employers



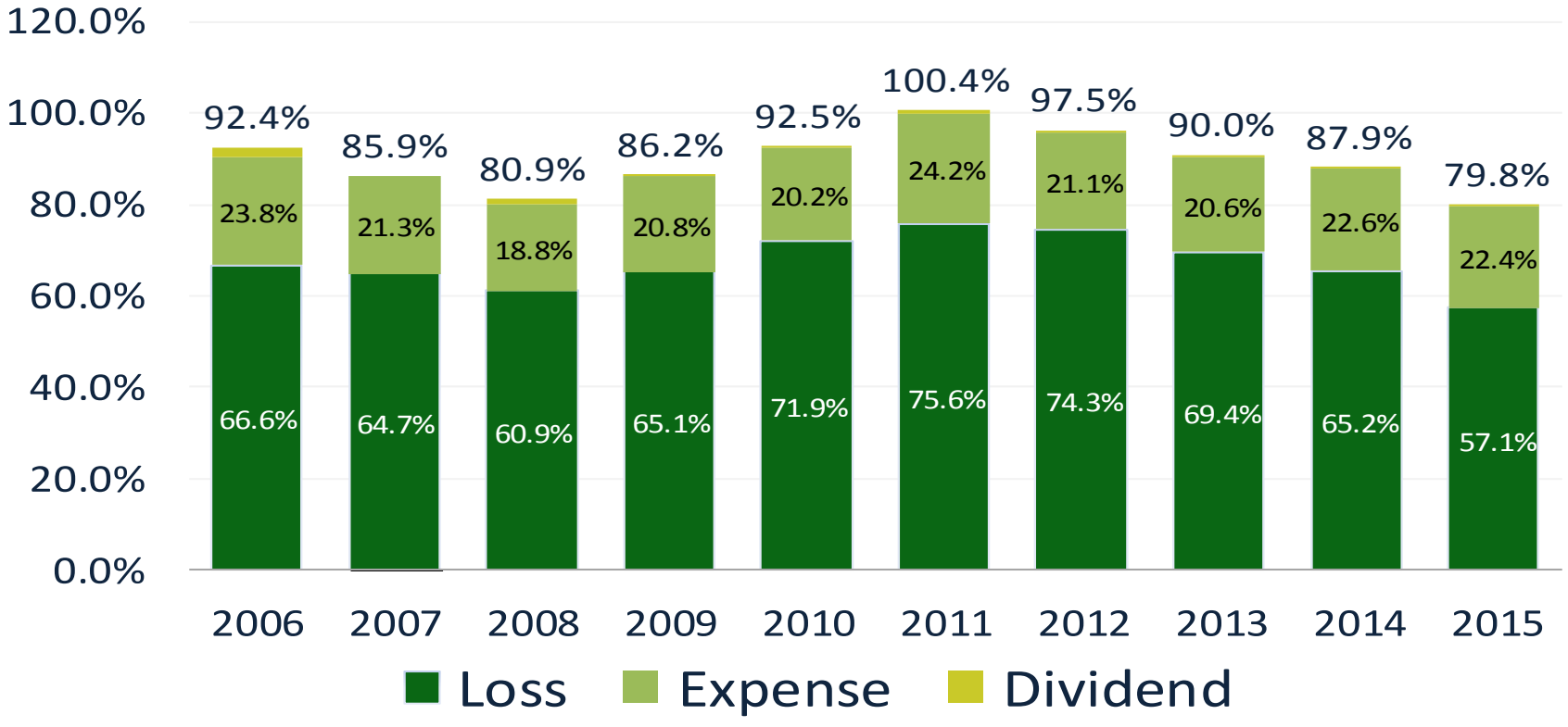
As of 12/31/2015

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

- Average 89.4 % last ten years

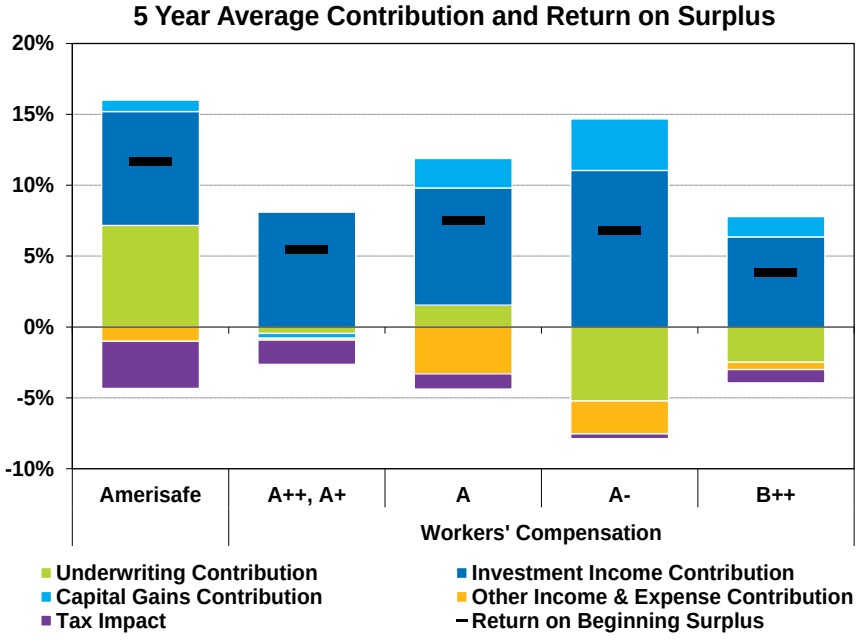
Economic Model - ROE Drivers

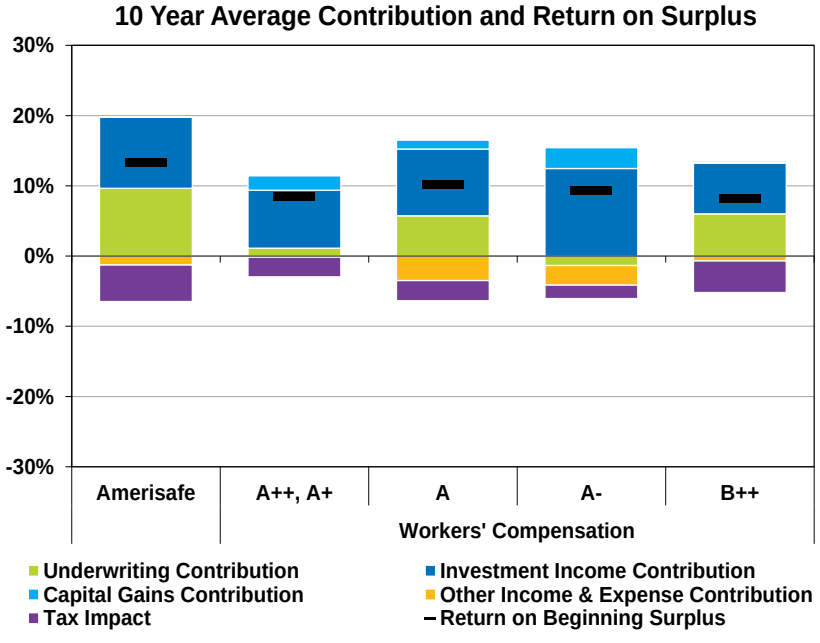
	2015
Loss Ratio	57.1%
+	
Expense Ratio	22.4%
+	
Policyholder Dividend Ratio	0.3%
=	
Combined Ratio	79.8%
Underwriting Profit	20.2%
x	
Operating Leverage	0.83
=	
Pre-tax ROAE from Underwriting	16.8%
Pre-tax Investment Yield	2.5%
x	
Investment Leverage	2.5
=	
Pre-tax ROAE from Investing	6.2%
Pre-tax ROAE from Other Income (Expense)	-0.6%
Pre-tax ROAE	22.4%
Effective Tax Rate	30.2%
ROAE	15.6%

❖Imperative to execute on the fundamentals of underwriting, safety and claims with investment yields at current levels

❖ At current leverage ratios, a 1 point change in Loss Ratio equates to a 32 BP change in yield to maintain ROE

Contributions to Returns



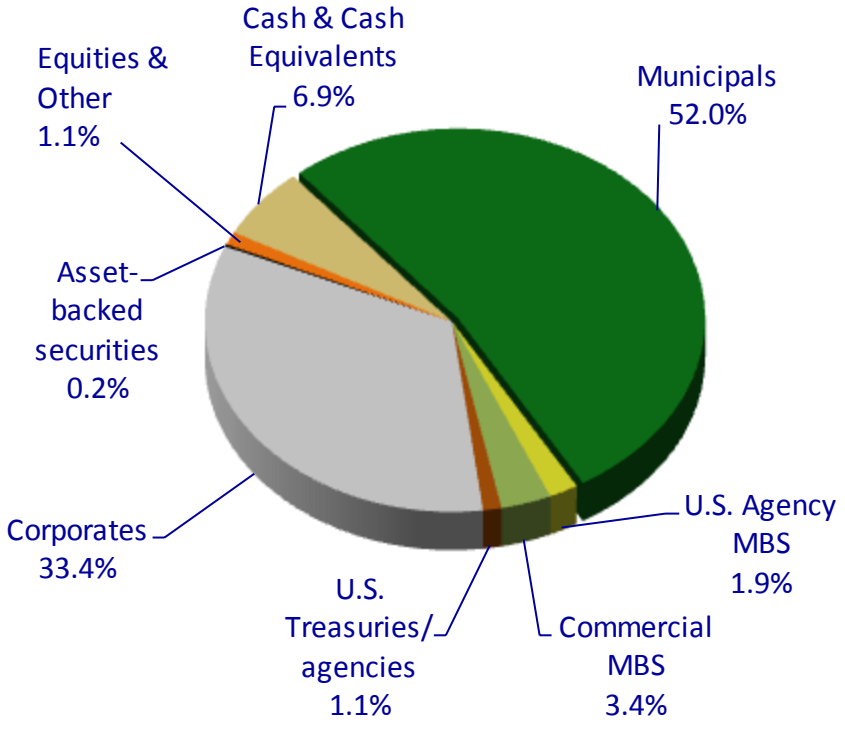


As of December, 2014; Source: A.M. Best

Investment Portfolio

Portfolio Allocation

(as of 12/31/2015)



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

(as of 12/31/2015)

Investment	Book Value ($millions)	Fair Value ($millions)	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Municipals	$408.5	$423.8	$15.3
Corporate Bonds	$171.2	$170.5	$-0.7
Commercial MBS	$37.5	$37.7	$0.2
U.S. Agency MBS	$13.2	$14.5	$1.3
U.S. Treasuries	$12.5	$13.4	$0.9
ABS	$2.3	$2.4	$0.1
Total	**$645.2**	**$662.3**	**$17.1**

- Carrying value of cash and investments was $1.1 billion at December 31, 2015
- As of December 31, 2015, fixed-maturity securities have an average composite credit rating of “AA-”

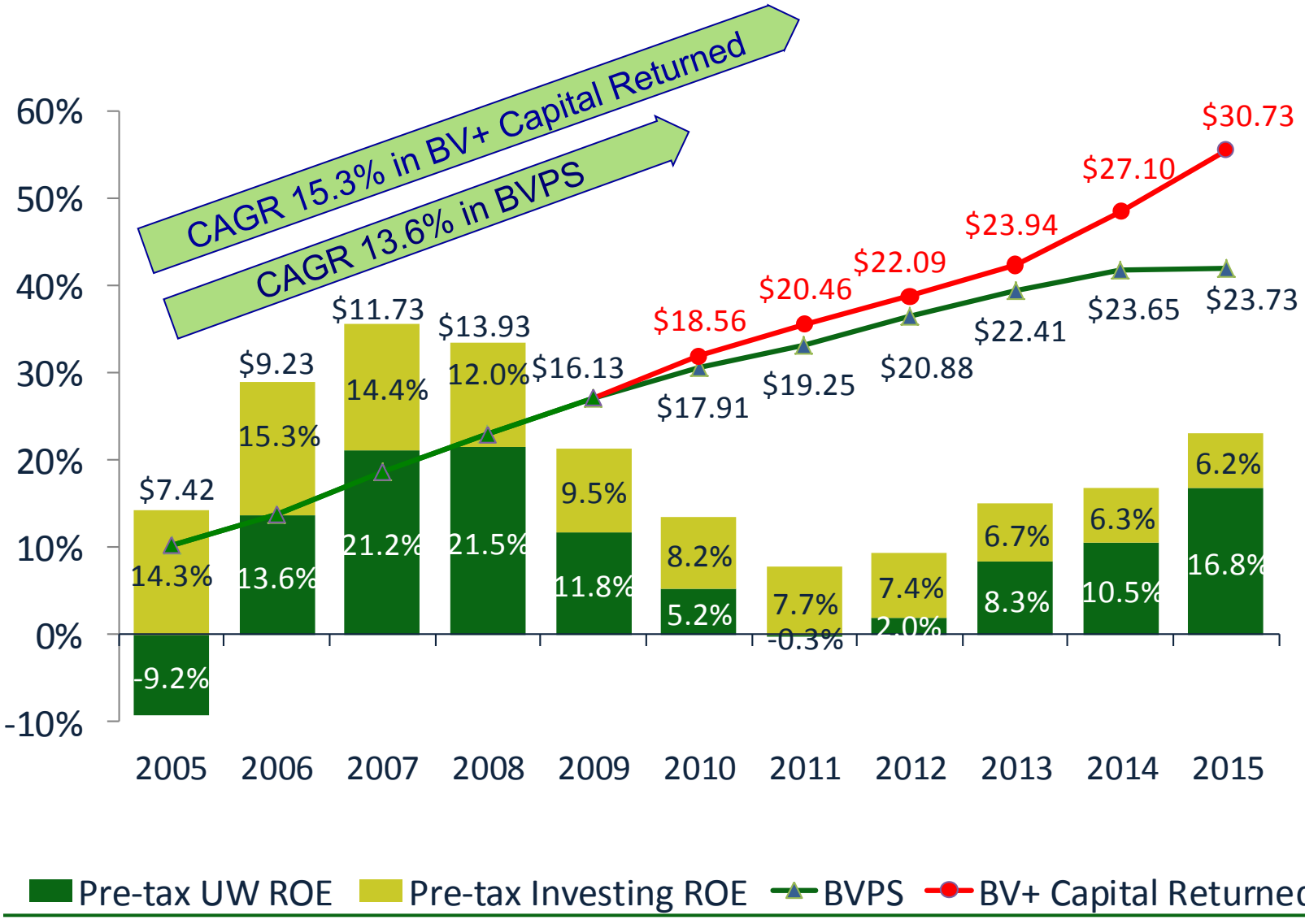
Capital Management

- 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
  - $111.9M of dividends paid/declared
    - Extraordinary Dividends $28.2M in 2014; $57.4M in 2015

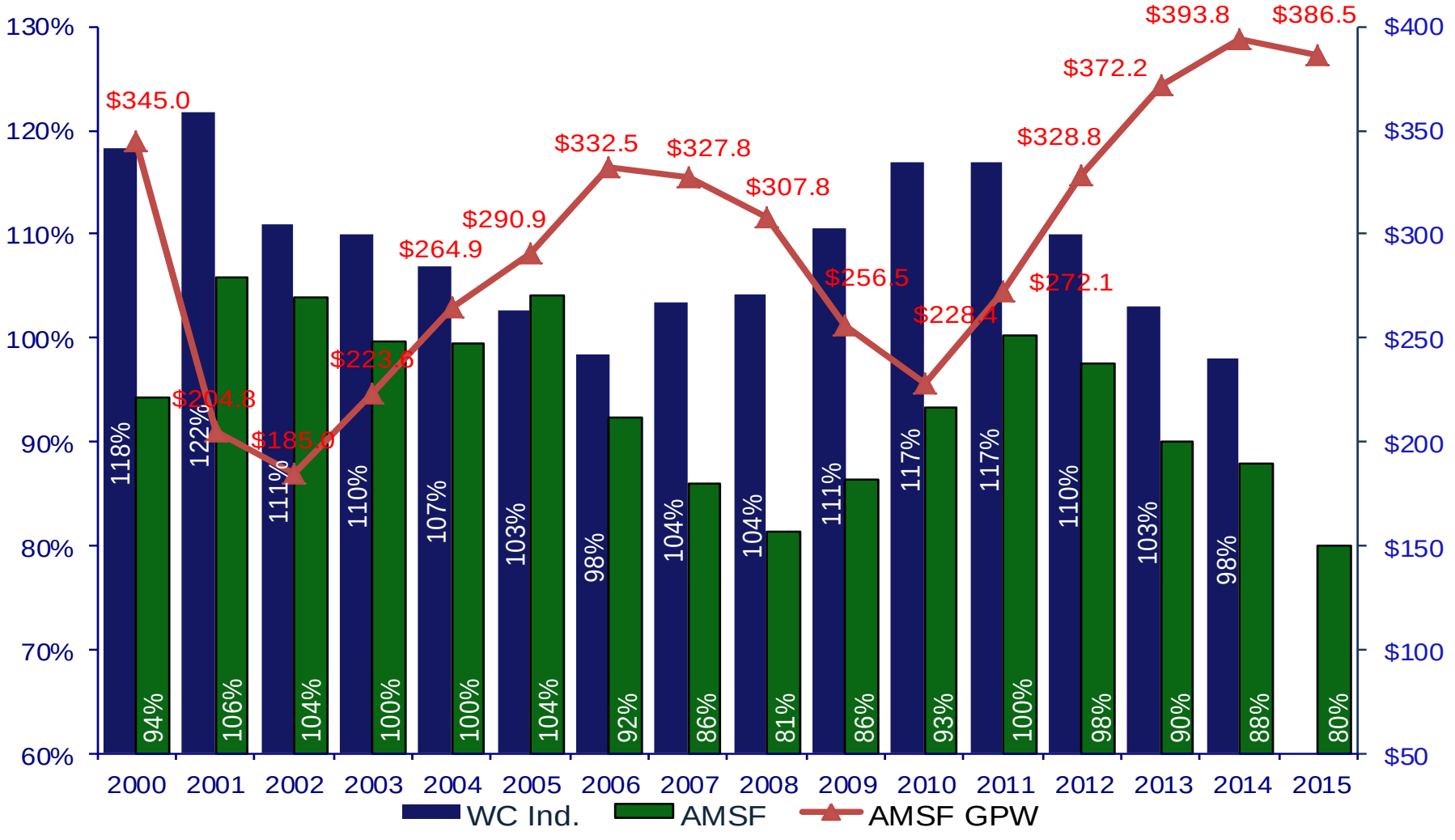
- Current Capital Deployment Strategies
  - Organic growth
  - Acquisition considerations
    - Renewal rights
    - Balance sheet
  - Continued dividend payments
  - $25M Share repurchase authorization

Historical Financial Performance



Current Workers' Compensation Market Conditions

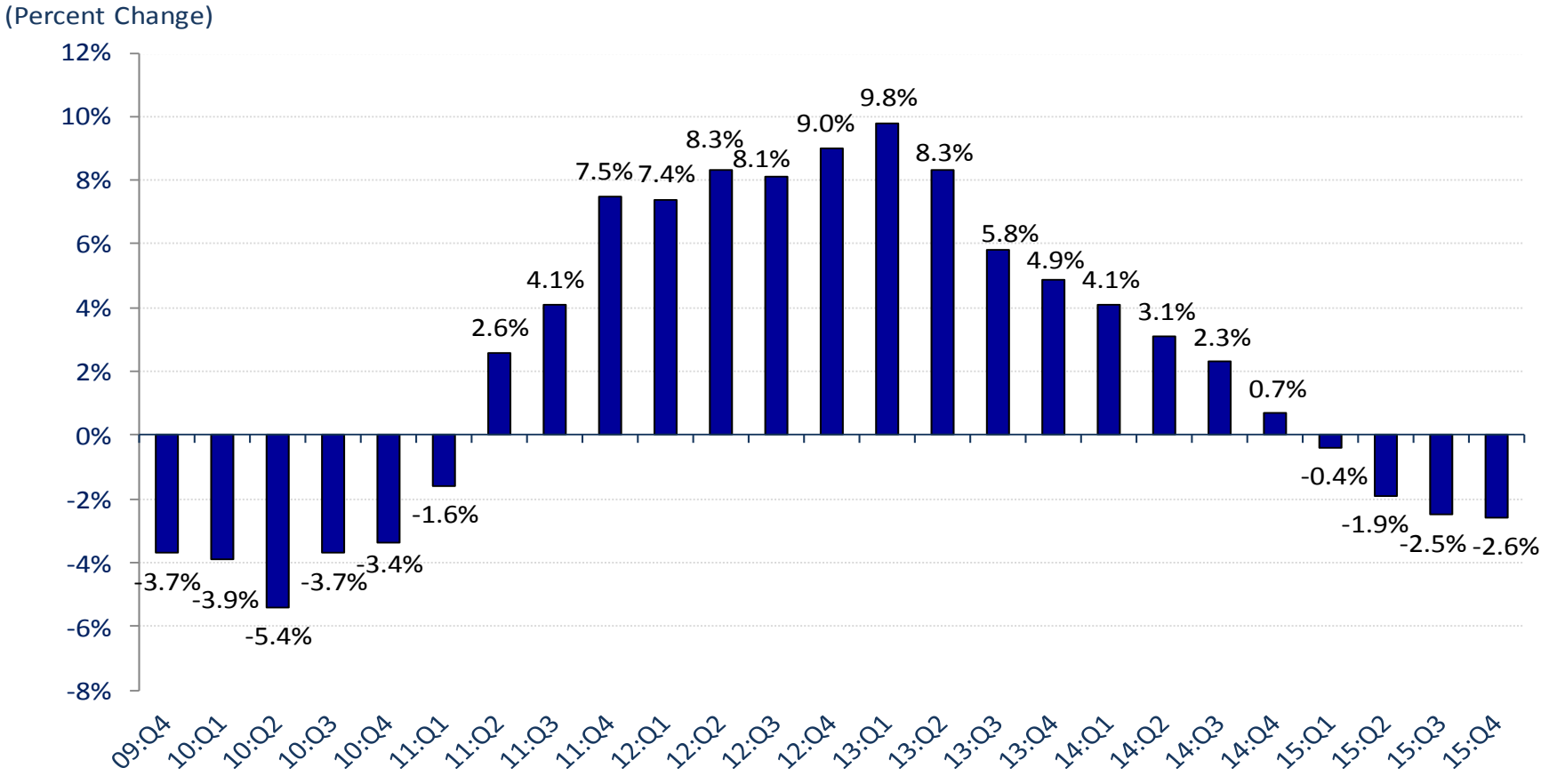
WC Industry Combined Ratio



- AMSF Average Outperformance 14.0 pts., Since 2000
- AMSF Average Outperformance 16.3 pts., Since 2006

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

Workers Comp Rate Changes, 2009:Q4 – 2015:Q4



Source: The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers.

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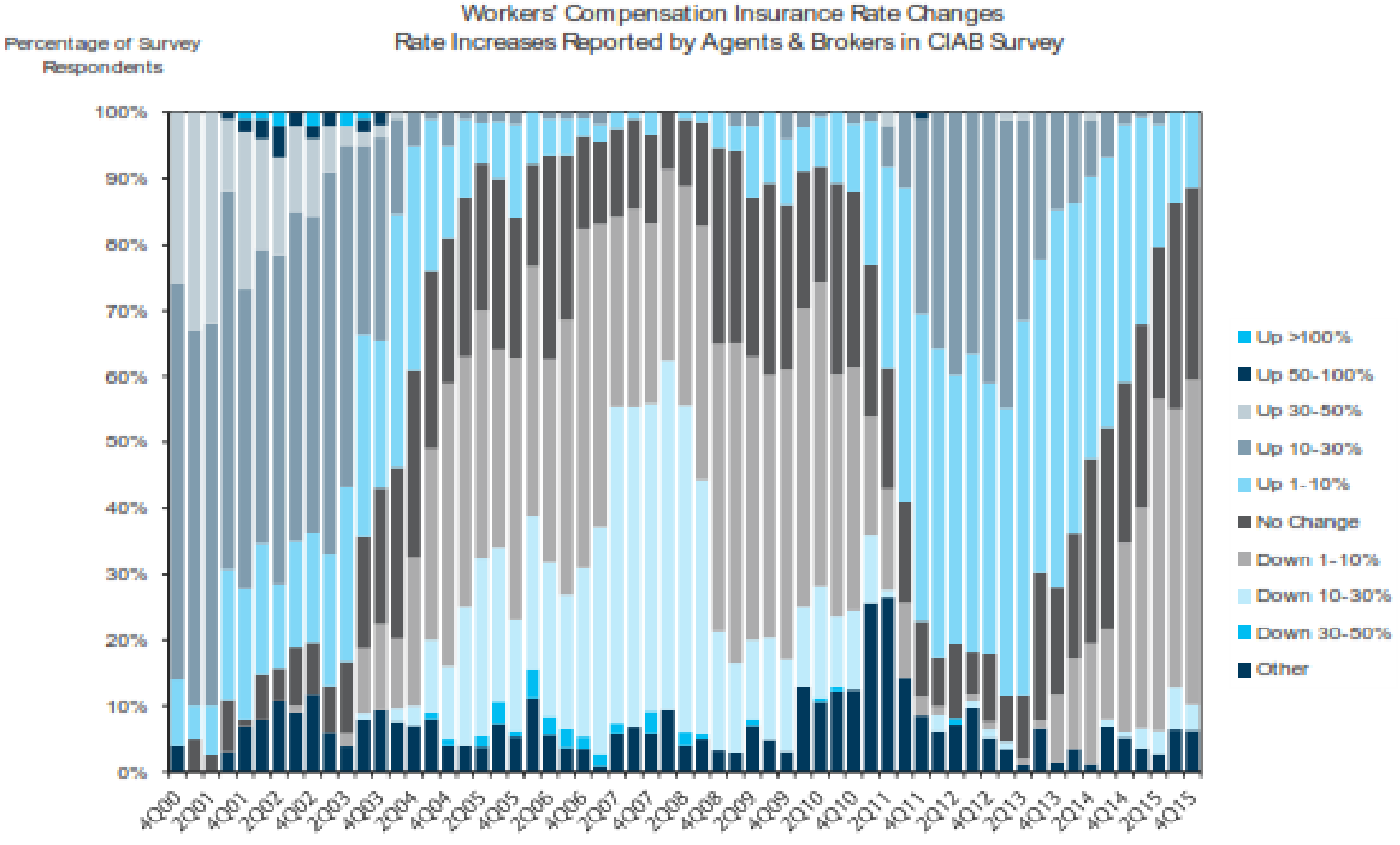
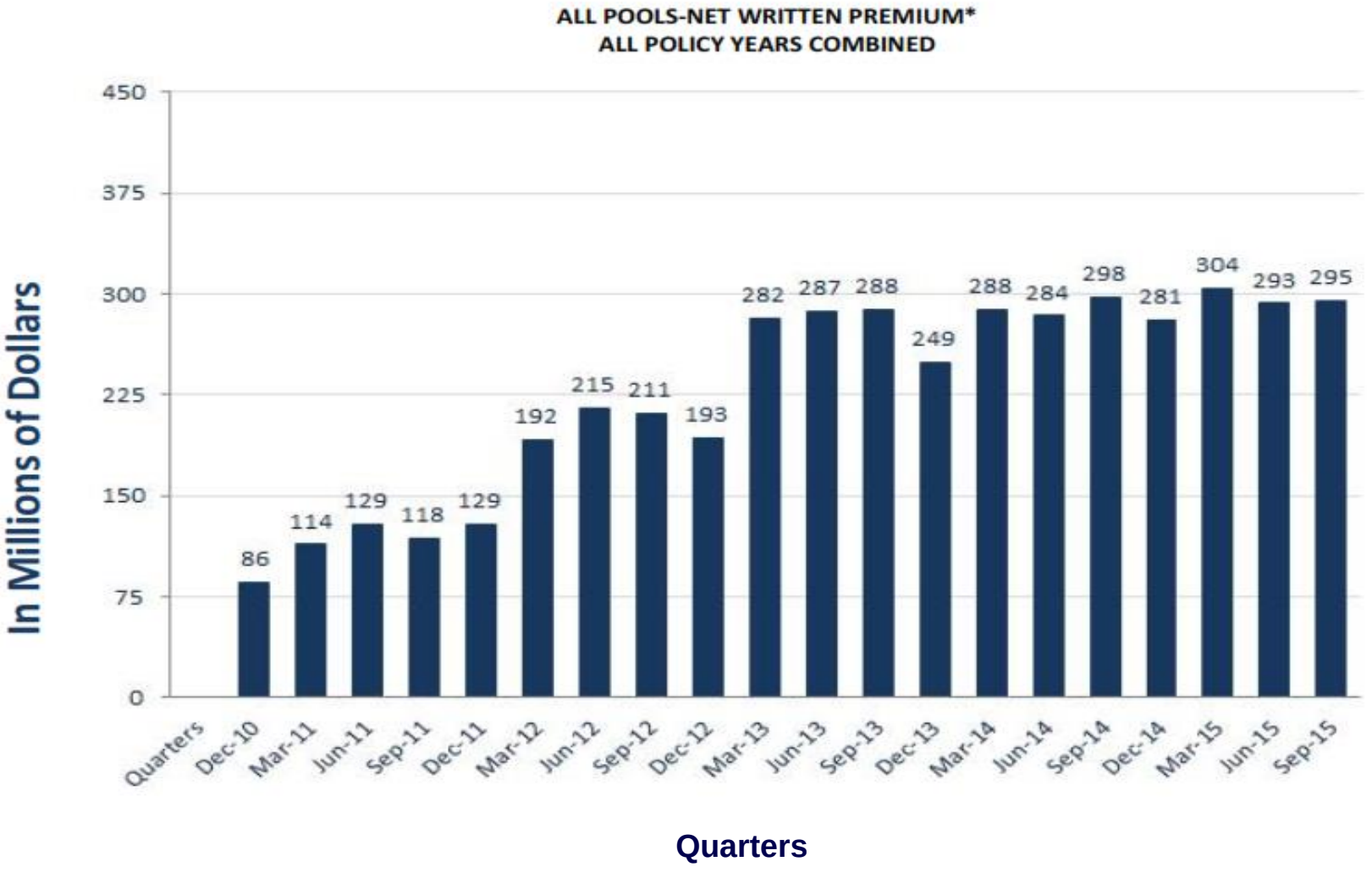


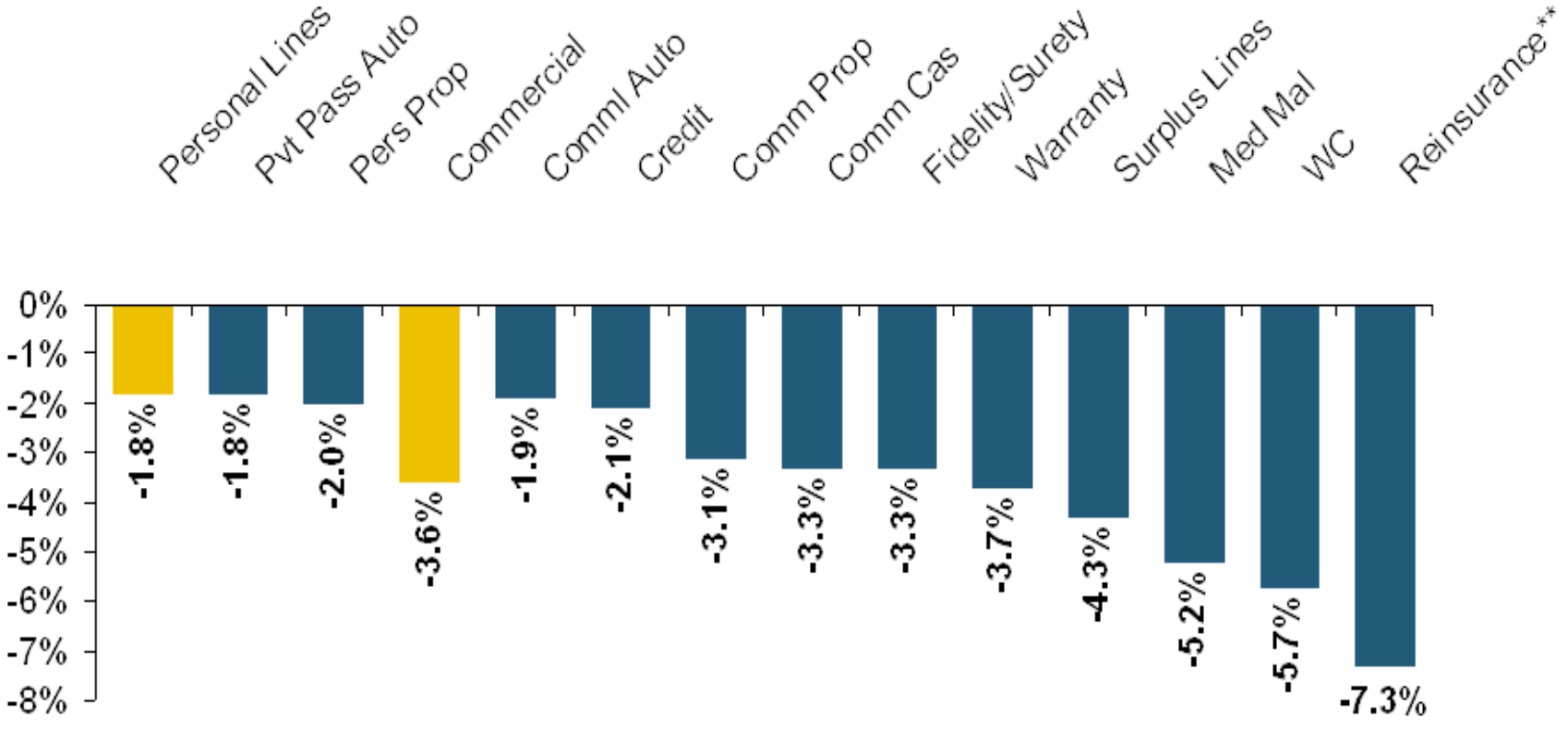
Source: The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers. Chart prepared by Barclays Research.

Residual Market Activity



*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	**$50.79**
52 week range	**$41.50 - $57.20**
Shares Outstanding	**19.1 M**
Market Cap	**$970 M**
Book Value per Share	**23.73**
Price-to-Book	**2.14**

Market data as of March 16, 2016; Financial data as of December 31, 2015

Selected Balance Sheet Data

(in thousands)

	2015	2014	2013
Investments, Cash and cash equivalents	1,114,633	1,107,289	1,001,852
Amounts recoverable from reinsurers	91,077	85,888	75,326
Premiums receivable, net	185,364	178,917	171,579
Deferred income taxes	29,905	31,231	33,645
Deferred policy acquisition costs	20,412	19,649	19,171
Other Assets	60,654	34,246	27,428
Total Assets	1,502,045	1,457,220	1,329,001
Reserves for loss and loss adjustment expenses	718,033	687,602	614,557
Unearned premiums	167,983	168,576	164,296
Insurance-related assessments	32,329	29,315	25,428
Other Liabilities	129,719	124,579	107,906
Shareholders' equity	453,981	446,968	416,814
Metrics			
Book Value Per Share	$23.73	$23.65	$22.41

Income Statement

(in thousands)

	2015	2014	2013
Revenues:			
Gross premiums written	$386,529	$393,819	$372,177
Ceded premiums written	(11,228)	(13,793)	(18,425)
Net premiums written	375,301	380,026	353,752
Net premiums earned	375,894	375,747	329,983
Net investment income	27,902	27,214	27,029
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	(2,494)	697	(1,211)
Fee and other income	(348)	361	534
Total revenues	400,954	404,019	356,335
Expenses:			
Loss and loss adjustment expenses incurred	214,573	244,916	228,973
Underwriting and other operating costs	84,113	84,963	67,116
Policyholder dividends	1,301	391	1,042
Total expenses	299,987	330,270	297,131
Income before taxes	100,967	73,749	59,204
Income tax expense	30,505	20,083	15,567
Net income	$70,462	$53,666	$43,637