

## Moving Beyond the Great Recession:

Recovery, Uncertainty and Implications for Workers Comp & P/C Insurance Markets National Council on Compensation Insurance Annual Issues Symposium Orlando, FL May 16, 2013 Robert P. Hartwig, Ph.D., CPCU, President & Economist

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### **Presentation Outline**



#### U.S. Economic Overview and Outlook

- Summary and Consequences and Predictions for P/C Insurance
- Labor Market "Deep Dive"
- Labor Force (Non) Participation: Shrinkage Continues
- Social Security Disability vs. WC: Which Is Better for Workers?
- Economy as a Growth Engine for P/C Insurers
- Summary of P/C Financial Performance
  - Profits and Profitability
- Where Will the Market Go From Here?
  - Underwriting Loss Trends
  - Capital/Capacity
  - Reinsurance Markets
  - Pricing Discipline
- Other Contributing Factors to Industry Financial Performance
  - Investment Environment
  - Inflation



# Economics 2013: US Economy is Stabilizing

2013 Will Build on 2012 as Only the Second Year of Solid Grow Since the Great Recession Enormous Consequences for P/C Insurers

## **Economic Outlook for 2013**

#### Economic Growth Remains Modest but Accelerates by late 2013/14

- No Recession
- Enormous regional differences persist
- Economic wounds are increasingly self-inflicted (e.g., Sequestration)
- Modest wage and salary growth continue; Hours worked stable
- Consumer Confidence Remains Reasonably Strong
- Consumer Spending/Investment Will Continue to Expand
- Consumer and Business Lending Continue to Expand
- Housing Market Continues to Improve
  - Principal driver of construction activity
- Inflation Remains Tame
  - Less pressure on claims severity
- Private Sector Hiring Remains Consistently Positive
  - Unemployment approaches 7% by year's end
  - Fed's 6.5% unemployment target is hit in mid-2014
- Issues in Europe, China Do Not Derail US Recovery
- Soft Landing in China
- Interest Rates Remain Low by Historical Standards; Edge Up by Year's End
- Stock and Bond Markets More Stable, Less Volatile

#### **Insurance Industry Predictions for 2013**



#### P/C Insurance Exposures Grow Robustly

- Personal and commercial exposure growth is certain in 2013; Strongest since 2004
- But restoration of destroyed exposure will take until mid-decade

#### P/C Industry Growth in 2013 Will Be Strongest Since 2004

- Growth likely to exceed A.M. Best projection of +4.5% for 2013
- Positive pricing trends continue

#### Underwriting Fundamentals Improve Modestly

• Rate, reforms help key lines; Possibility of reduced prior-year loss reserves in some lines

#### Increasing Private Sector Hiring Will Drive Payrolls/WC Exposures

- Wage growth is also positive and could modestly accelerate
- WC remains the fastest growing P/C line for 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year

#### Increase in Demand for Commercial Insurance Could Strengthen in 2013

Includes workers comp, property, marine, many liability coverages

#### Industry Capacity Hits a New Records in 2013 (Barring Meg-CAT)

#### Investment Environment Is/Remains Much More Favorable

- Return of realized capital gains as a profit driver
- Interest rates remain low; Some upward pressure if economic strength surprises or Fed eases on QE3 program late in 2013

#### TRIA Debate is Accelerated in the Wake of Boston Marathon Bomb Attacks



## **Terrorism Update**

## Boston Marathon Bombings Underscore the Need for Extension of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program

## **Terrorism Risk Insurance Program**



#### Boston Marathon Bombing Should Help Focus Attention in Congress on TRIA

- Act expires 12/31/14
- Numerous headwinds
- Exclusionary Language Will Be Inserted for Renewals Occurring After 1/1/14
  - Boston Marathon Issues



- Property and BI losses not large but could breach \$5 mill threshold for certification under TRIPRA
- Certification issue is generating press; No deadline to certify
- Disincentive to certify?
- Few of the impacted business had terror coverage
- Longer-term: Litigation issues (e.g., race organizers)

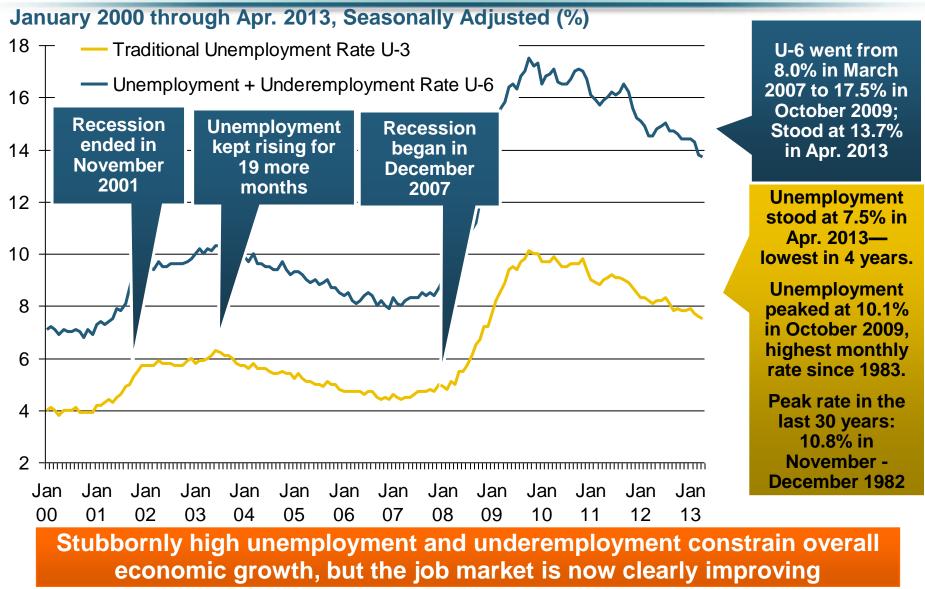


## **Labor Market Trends**

## Labor Market Is Showing Signs of Life

Workers Comp Is the Principal Beneficiary of Improving Job Outlook

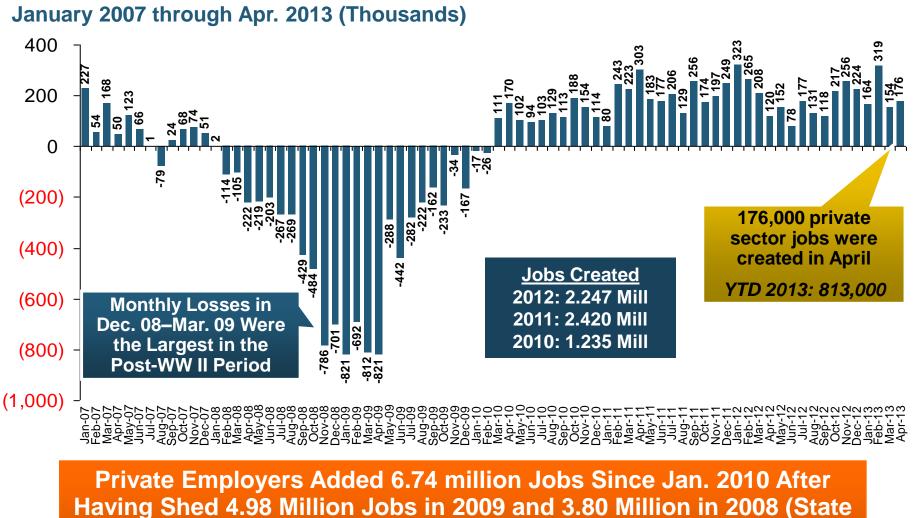
#### Unemployment and Underemployment Rates: Stubbornly High in 2012, But Falling



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Insurance Information Institute.

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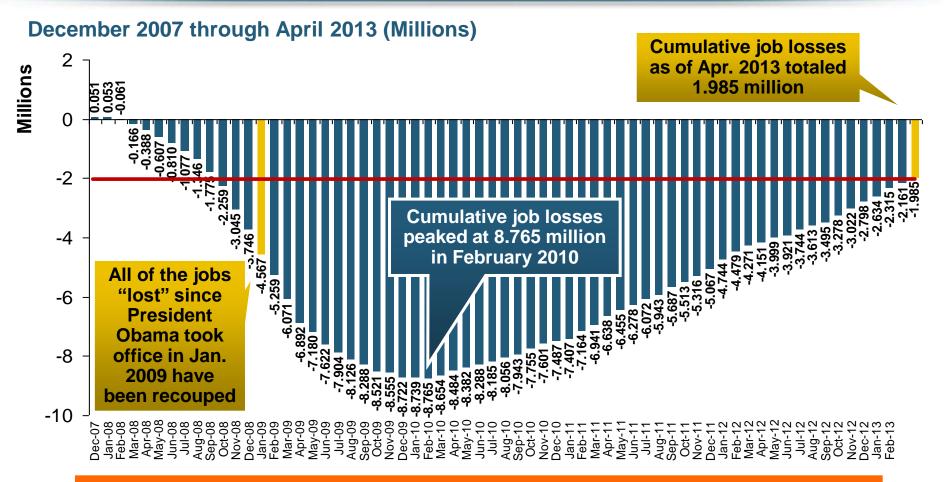
## Monthly Change in Private Employment



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Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics: <u>http://www.bls.gov/ces/home.htm</u>; Insurance Information Institute

#### Cumulative Change in Private Employment: Dec. 2007—Apr. 2013

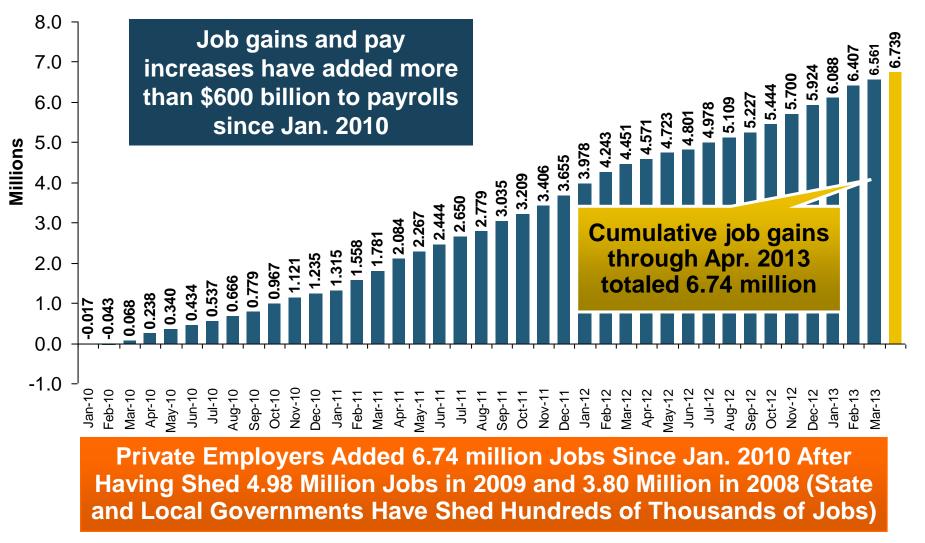


Private Employers Added 6.74 million Jobs Since Jan. 2010 After Having Shed 4.98 Million Jobs in 2009 and 3.80 Million in 2008 (State and Local Governments Have Shed Hundreds of Thousands of Jobs)

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics: http://www.bls.gov/ces/home.htm; Insurance Information Institute

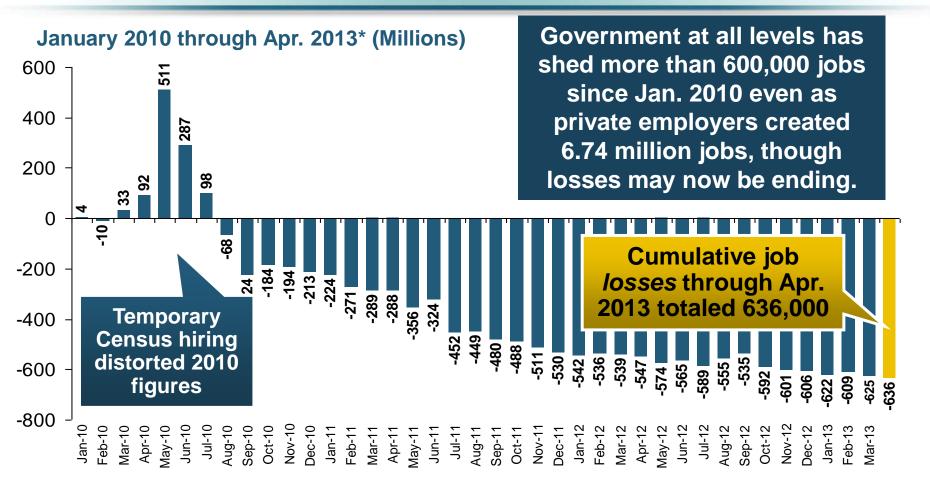
### Cumulative Change in Private Sector Employment: Jan. 2010—Apr. 2013

#### January 2010 through April 2013\* (Millions)



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics: http://www.bls.gov/ces/home.htm; Insurance Information Institute

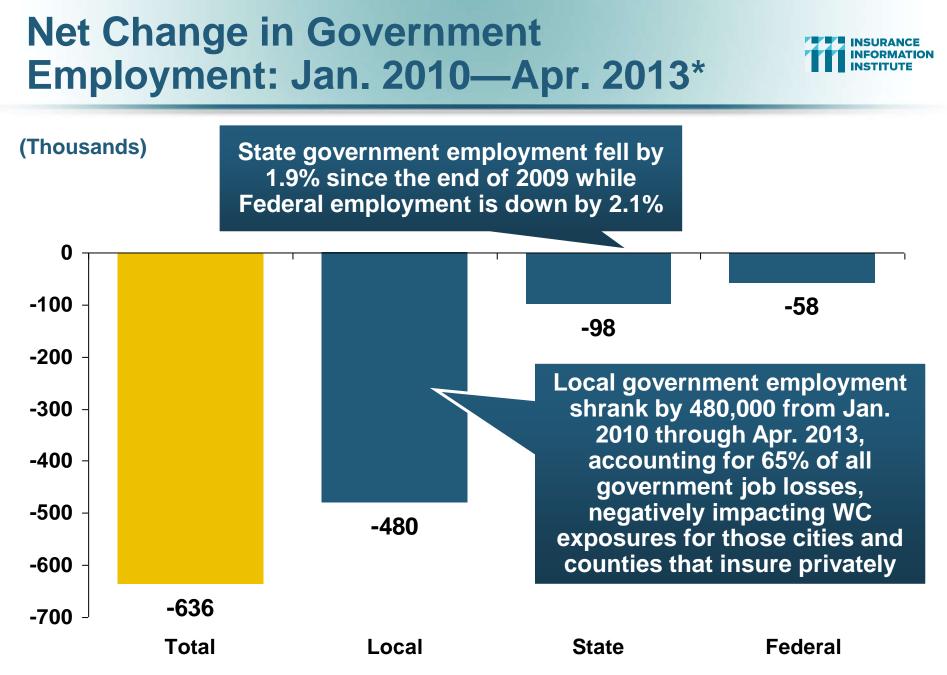
### Cumulative Change in Government Employment: Jan. 2010—Apr. 2013



Governments at All Levels are Under Severe Fiscal Strain As Tax Receipts Plunged and Pension Obligations Soared During the Financial Crisis: Sequestration Will Add to this Toll

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics <u>http://www.bls.gov/data/#employment;</u> Insurance Information Institute

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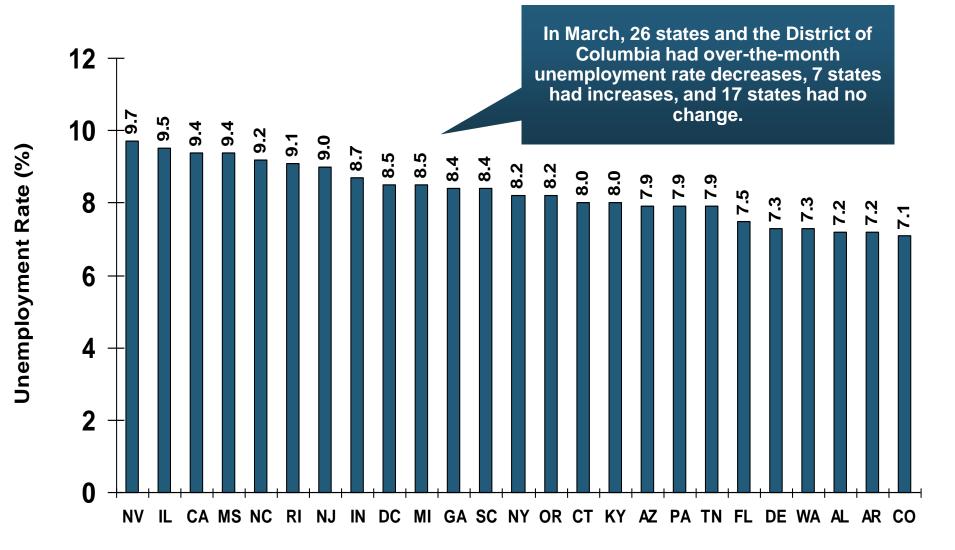


\*Cumulative change from prior month; Base employment date is Dec. 2009.

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics http://www.bls.gov/data/#employment; Insurance Information Institute

#### Unemployment Rates by State, March 2013: Highest 25 States\*



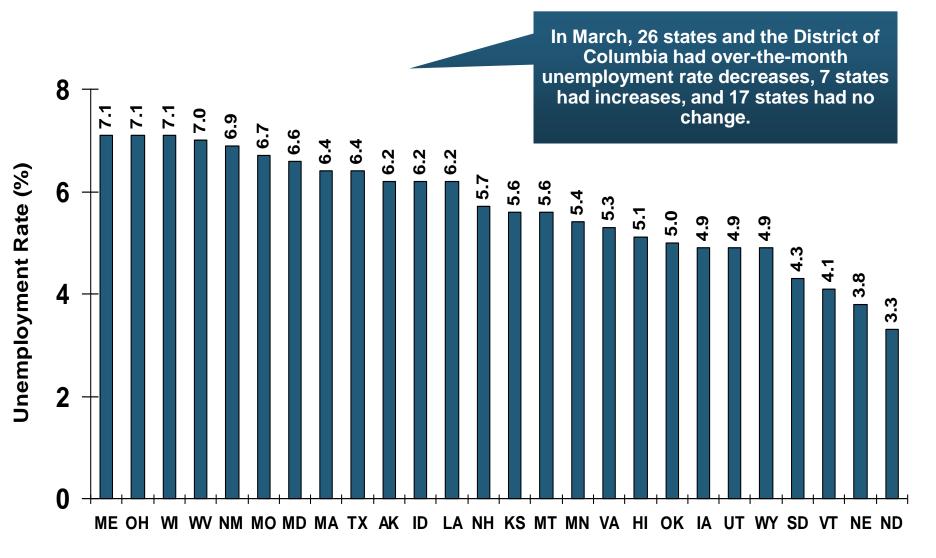


\*Provisional figures for March 2013, seasonally adjusted.

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Insurance Information Institute.

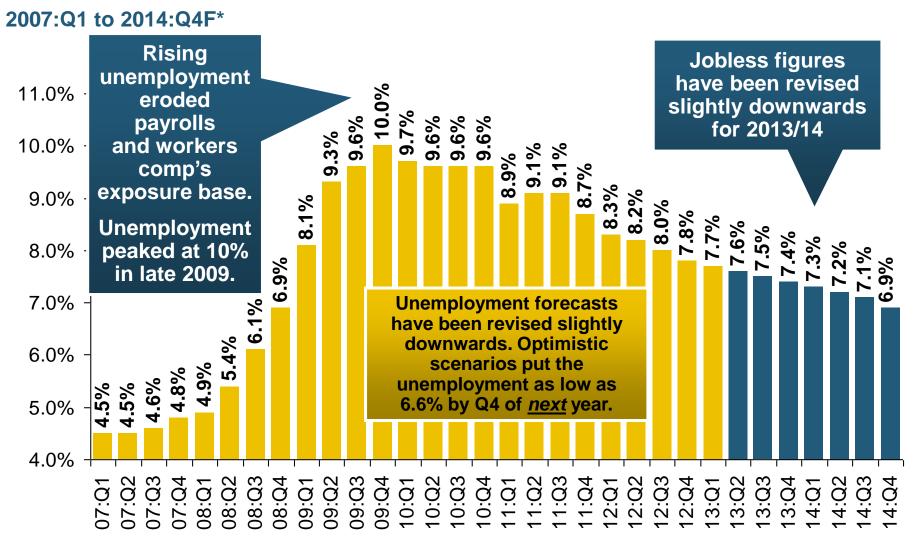
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## **US Unemployment Rate Forecast**

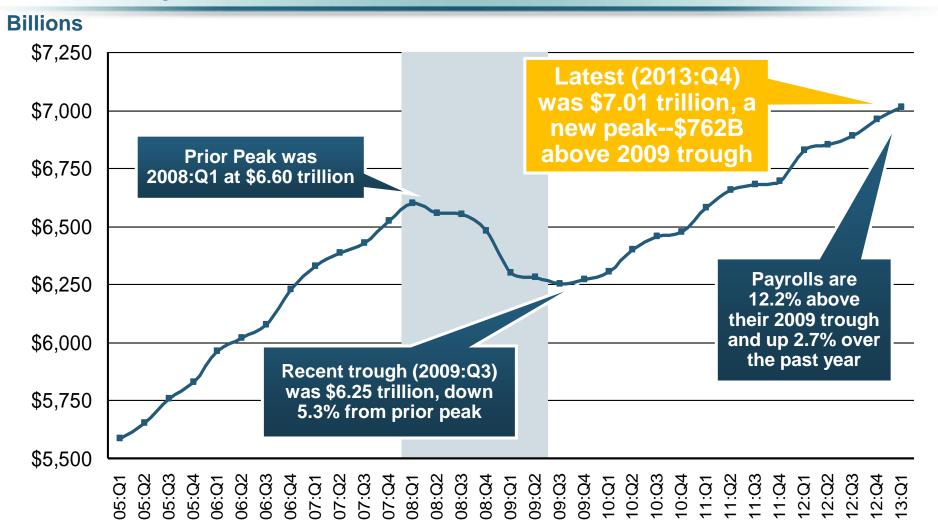


= actual; = forecasts

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Blue Chip Economic Indicators (5/13 edition); Insurance Information Institute.

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#### Nonfarm Payroll (Wages and Salaries): Quarterly, 2005–2013:Q1

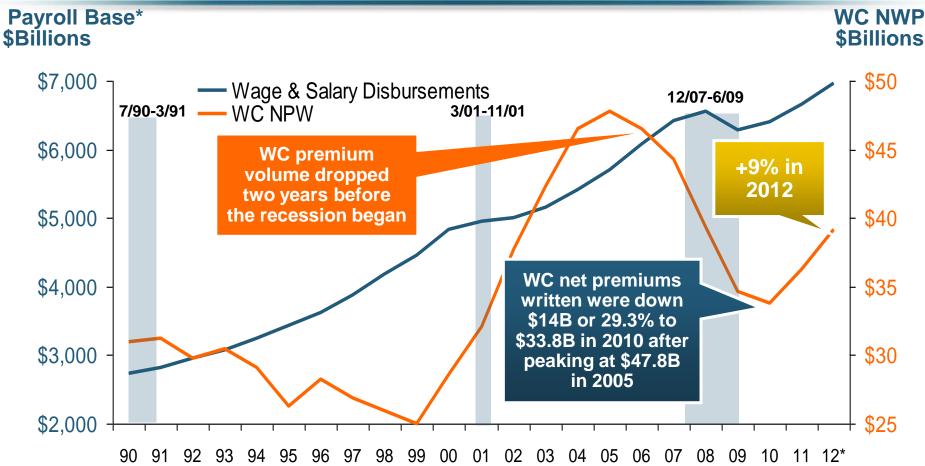


Note: Recession indicated by gray shaded column. Data are seasonally adjusted annual rates.

Sources: <u>http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/WASCUR;</u> National Bureau of Economic Research (recession dates); Insurance Information Institute.

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#### Payroll vs. Workers Comp Net Written Premiums, 1990-2012



## Continued Payroll Growth and Rate Increases Pushed WC NWP Up by 9.0% in 2012 and 8.0% in 2011 (First Gain Since 2005)

\*Private employment; Shaded areas indicate recessions. WC premiums for 2012 are I.I.I. estimate based YTD 2012 actuals. Sources: NBER (recessions); Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis at <a href="http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/WASCUR">http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/WASCUR</a>; NCCI; I.I.I.

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#### **POSITIVE LABOR MARKET DEVELOPMENTS**

## Key Factors Driving Workers Compensation Exposure

## Mass Layoff Announcements, Jan. 2002—March 2013\*



\*Seasonally adjusted.

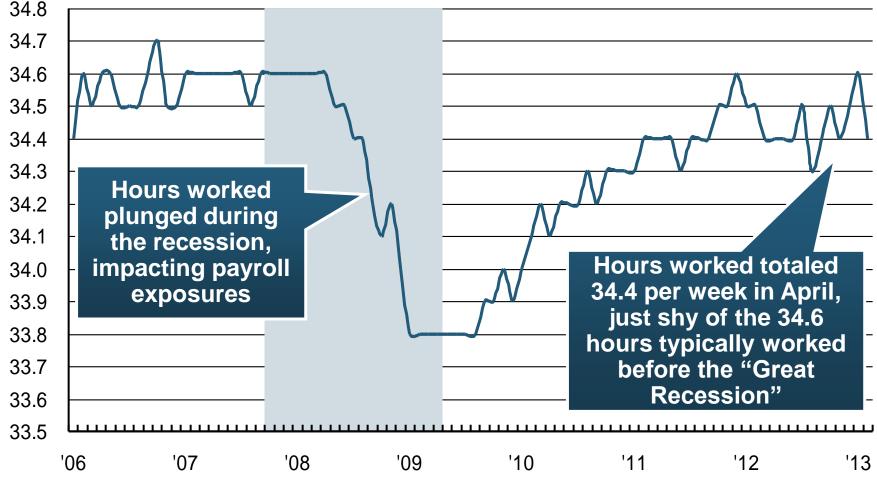
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Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics at <u>http://www.bls.gov/mls/;</u> National Bureau of Economic Research (recession dates); Insurance Information Institute.

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## Average Weekly Hours of All Private Workers, Mar. 2006—Apr. 2013

#### (Hours Worked)



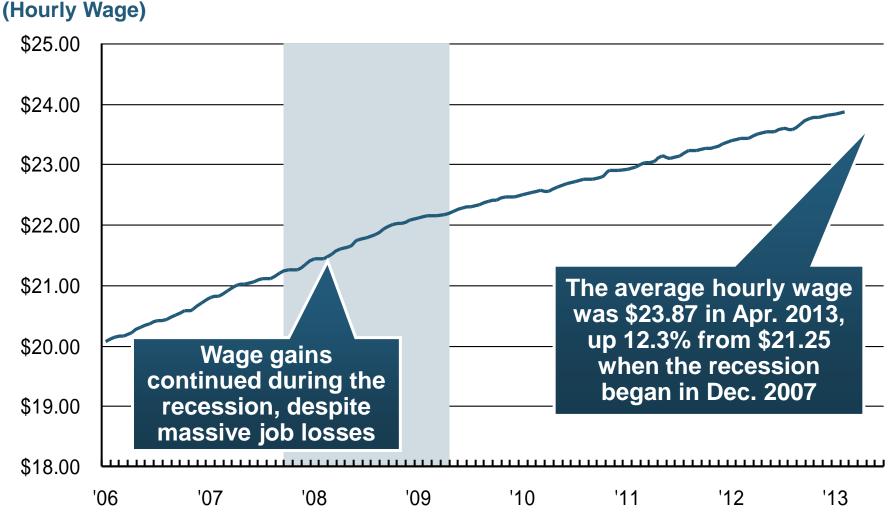
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## Average Hourly Wage of All Private Workers, Mar. 2006—Apr. 2013



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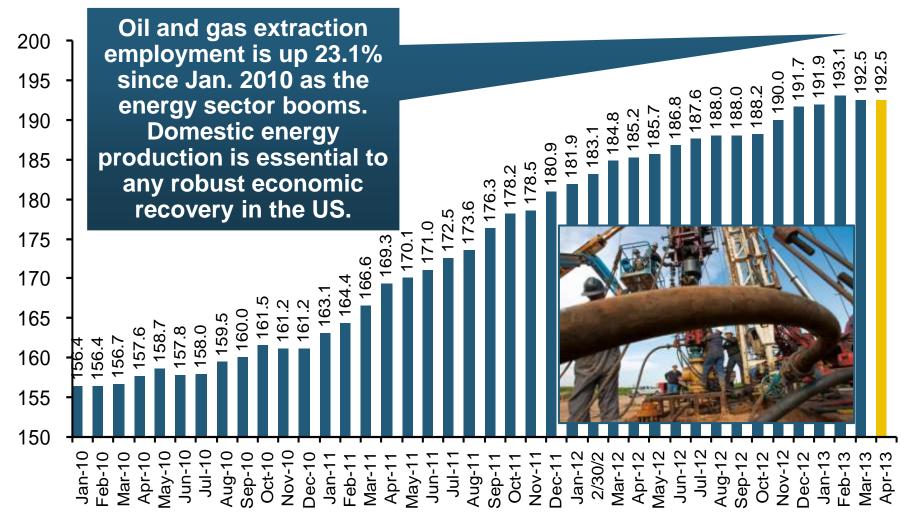
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## Oil & Gas Extraction Employment, Jan. 2010—April 2013\*

#### (Thousands)

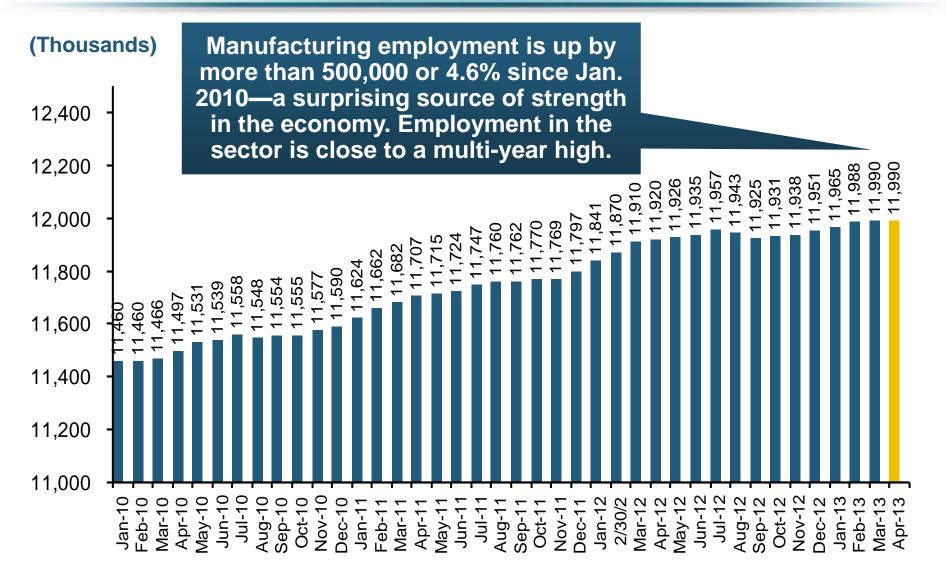


\*Seasonally adjusted

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics at http://data.bls.gov; Insurance Information Institute.

## Manufacturing Employment, Jan. 2010—April 2013\*





\*Seasonally adjusted

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics at http://data.bls.gov; Insurance Information Institute.



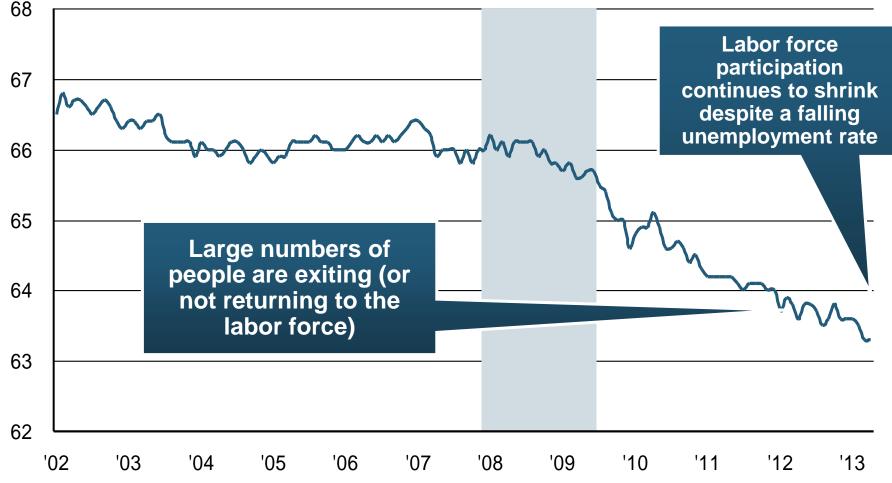
## ADVERSE LONG-TERM LABOR MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

Key Factors Harming Workers Compensation Exposure and the Overall Economy

## Labor Force Participation Rate, Jan. 2002—Apr. 2013\*



#### Labor Force Participation as a % of Population



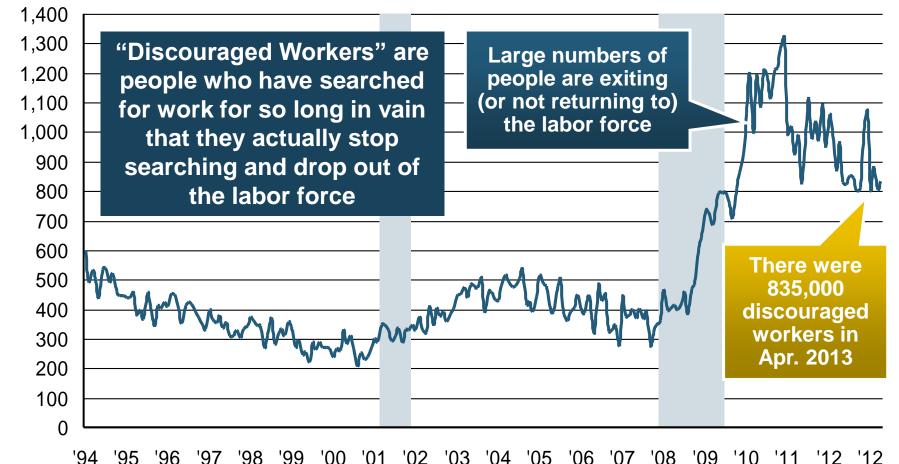
\*Defined as the percentage of working age persons in the population who are employed or actively seeking work. Note: Recessions indicated by gray shaded columns.

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics at <u>http://www.bls.gov/mls/;</u> National Bureau of Economic Research (recession dates); Insurance Information Institute.

## Number of "Discouraged Workers," Jan. 2002—April 2013



#### Thousands

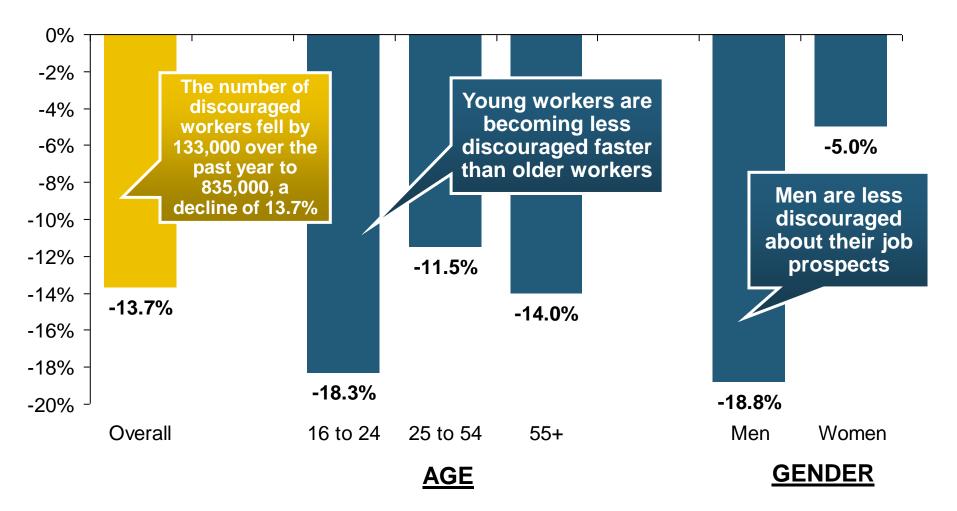


## In recent good times, the number of discouraged workers ranged from 200,000-400,000 (1995-2000) or from 300,000-500,000 (2002-2007).

Notes: Recessions indicated by gray shaded columns. Data are seasonally adjusted. Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics <u>http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.a.htm</u>; NBER (recession dates); Ins. Info. Inst.

### Change in Number of Discouraged Workers: Apr. 2012 vs. Apr. 2013

#### (Percent Change)



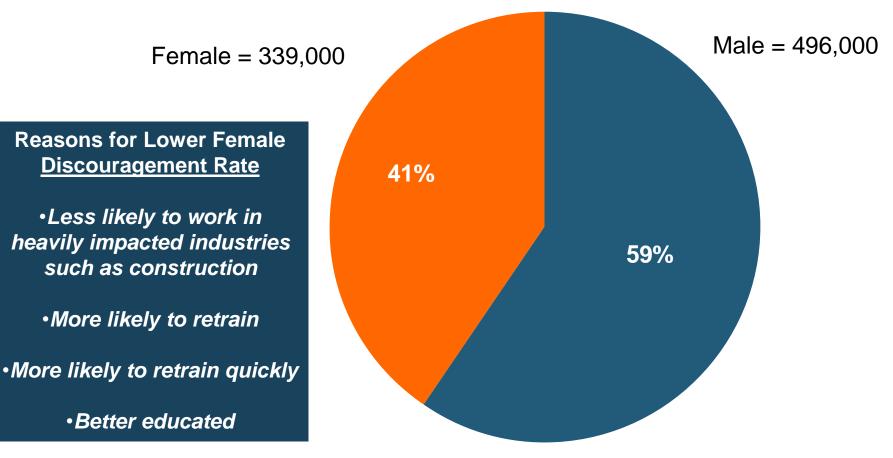
Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics at <u>http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.a.htm;</u> Insurance Information Institute.

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### Discouraged Workers by Gender (as of April 2013)



#### The overwhelming of discouraged workers are male, for a variety of reasons



TOTAL = 835,000

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics: at <u>http://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/cpseea38.htm;</u> Insurance Information Institute.

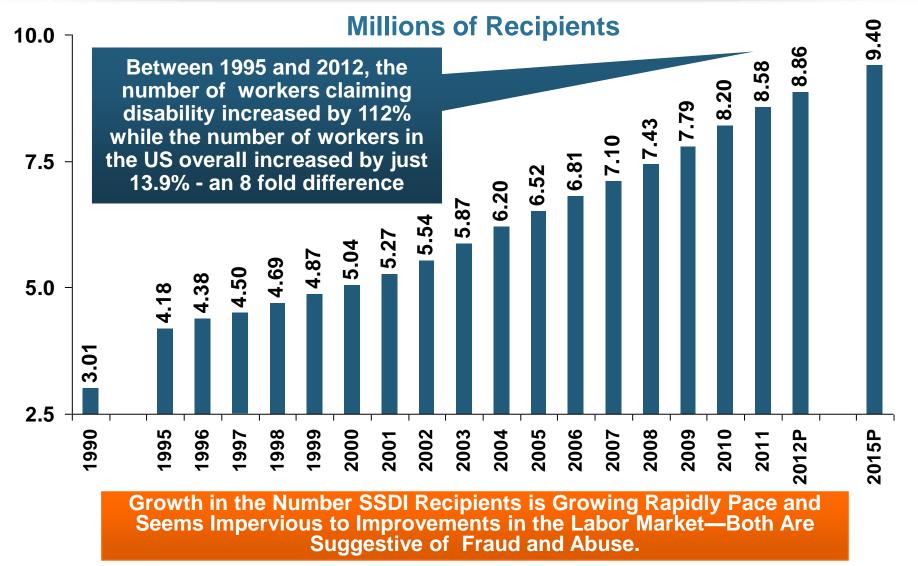
## Social Security Disability: Explosive Growth

# Growth in this System Is Harming the Economy, Contributing to Fiscal Imbalances

**Could Learn a Thing or Two from WC** 

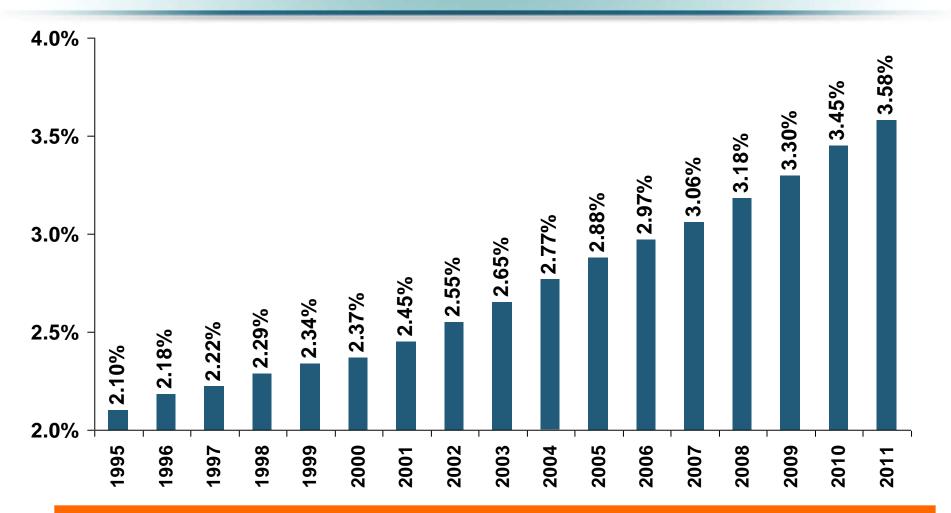
#### Number of Social Security Disability Income Recipients, 1990-2015P\*

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\*End of year. Does not include children or widows. Source: Social Security Trustees Report, 2012, p. 131

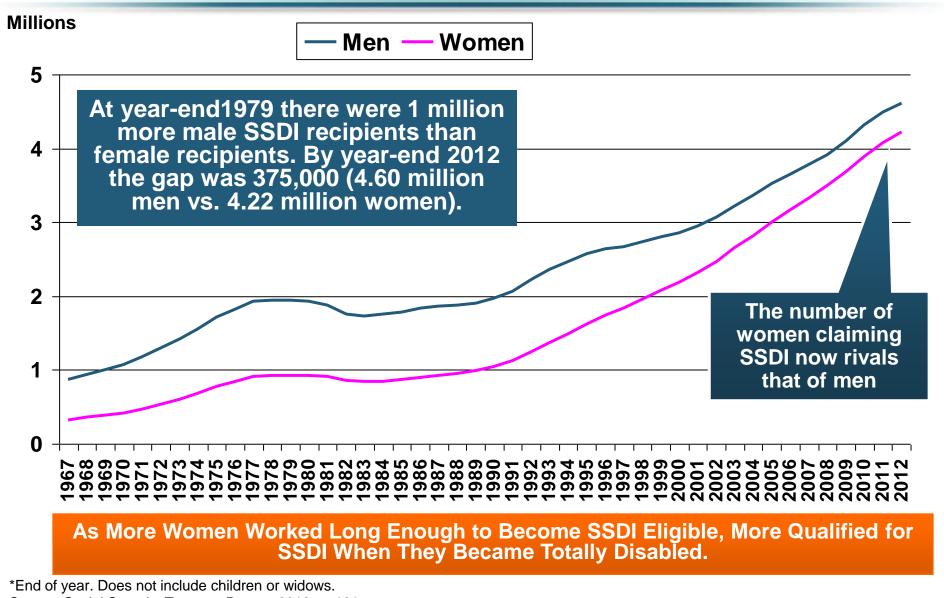
## Percent of the Civilian Non-Institutional Population That Received SS Disability Income, 1995-2011



#### The Share of the Population Receiving SSDI Benefits Has Increased Dramatically

Sources: Social Security Trustees Report, 2012, p. 131; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; I.I.I.

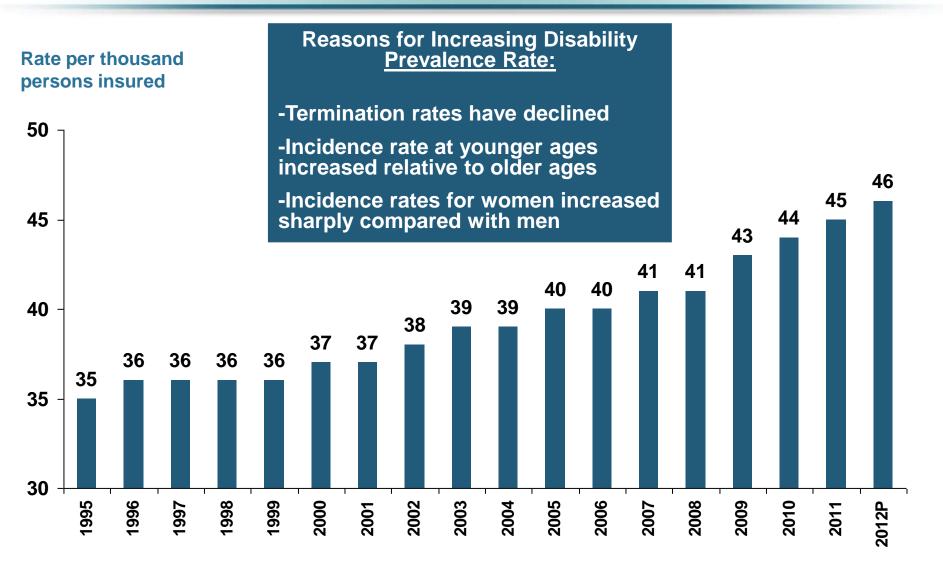
# Number\* Receiving SS Disability Income, 1990-2012



Source: Social Security Trustees Report, 2012, p. 131

#### Disability Prevalence Rates (Age-Sex-Adjusted), 1995-2012P





\*The Disability Prevalence Rate is the number of disabled-worker beneficiaries as a percentage of the number insured for SSDI benefits. Sources: Social Security Trustees Report, 2012, p. 131 and 133.

#### Workers Compensation Does a <u>Much</u> Better Job of Returning People to Work/Life than SSDI

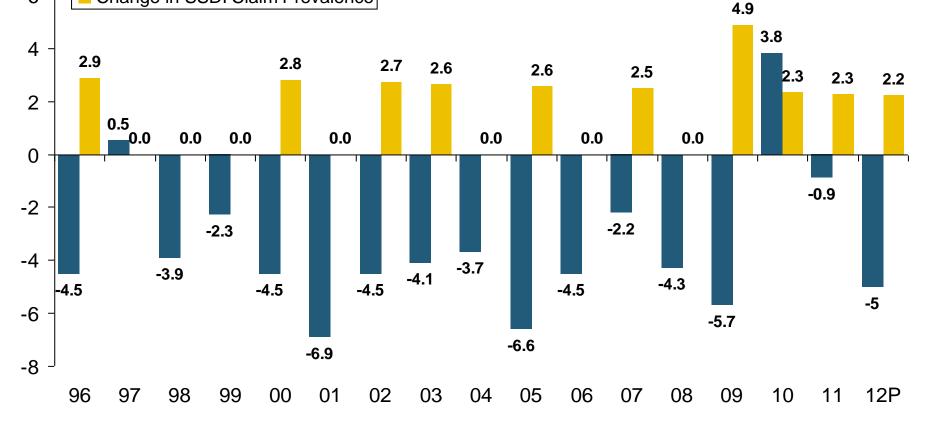
#### Change in Claim Frequency

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Change in WC Claim Frequency

Change in SSDI Claim Prevalence

Since 1996, WC lost-time claim frequency is down by more than 50% while SSDI claim frequency is up nearly 30%



\*Workers comp data are for lost-time claims only.

Sources: Insurance Information Institute from Social Security Trustees Report, 2012, p. 131; NCCI.

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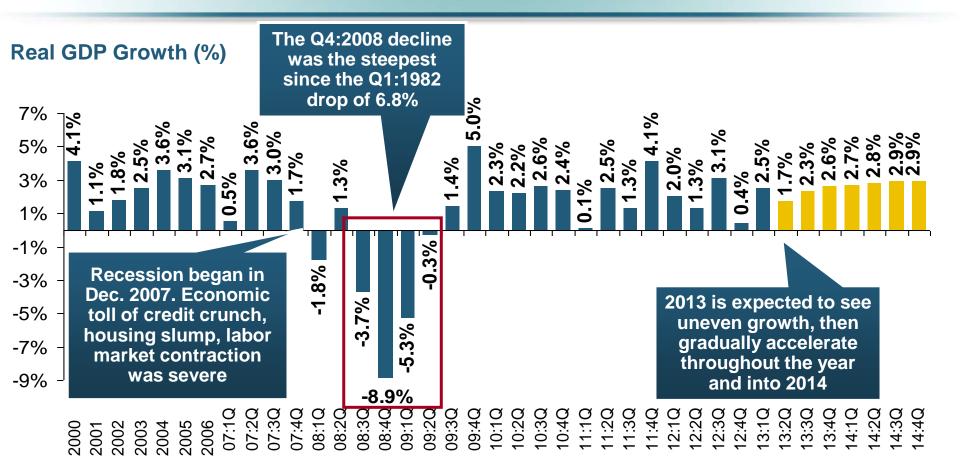


# The Strength of the Economy Will Influence P/C Insurer Growth Opportunities

Growth Will Expand Insurer Exposure Base Across Most Lines

## **US Real GDP Growth\***



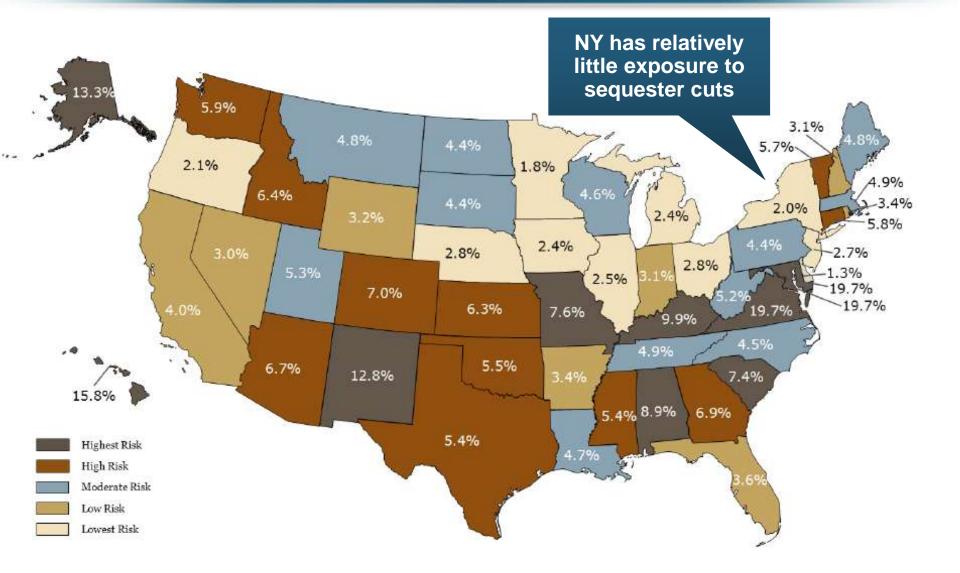


Demand for Insurance Continues To Be Impacted by Sluggish Economic Conditions, but the Benefits of Even Slow Growth Will Compound and Gradually Benefit the Economy Broadly

\* Estimates/Forecasts from Blue Chip Economic Indicators.

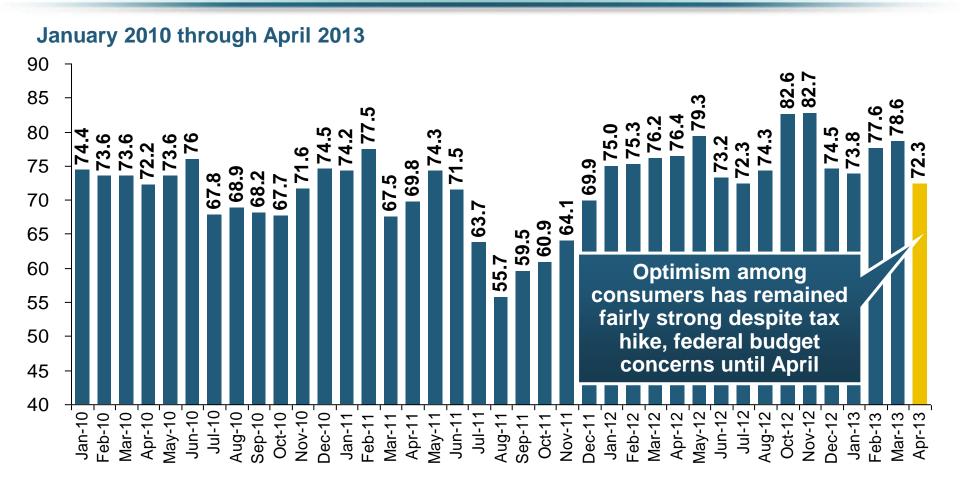
Source: US Department of Commerce, Blue Economic Indicators 5/13; Insurance Information Institute.

### Federal Spending as a Share of State GDP: Vulnerability to Sequestration Varies



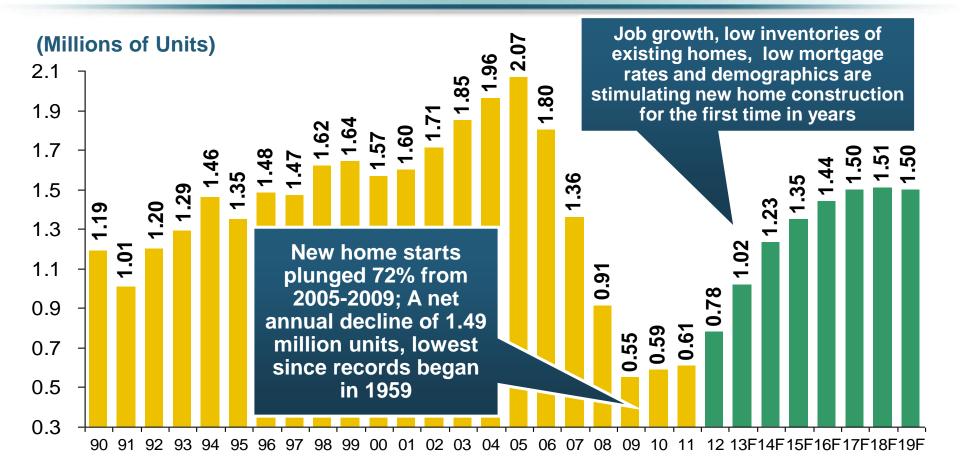
Sources: Pew Center on the States (2012) Impact of the Fiscal Cliff on the States; Wells Fargo; Insurance Information Institute.

### Consumer Sentiment Survey (1966 = 100)



Consumer confidence has been low for years amid high unemployment, falling home prices and other factors adversely impact consumers, but improved substantially in late 2011 and in 2012

### New Private Housing Starts, 1990-2019F

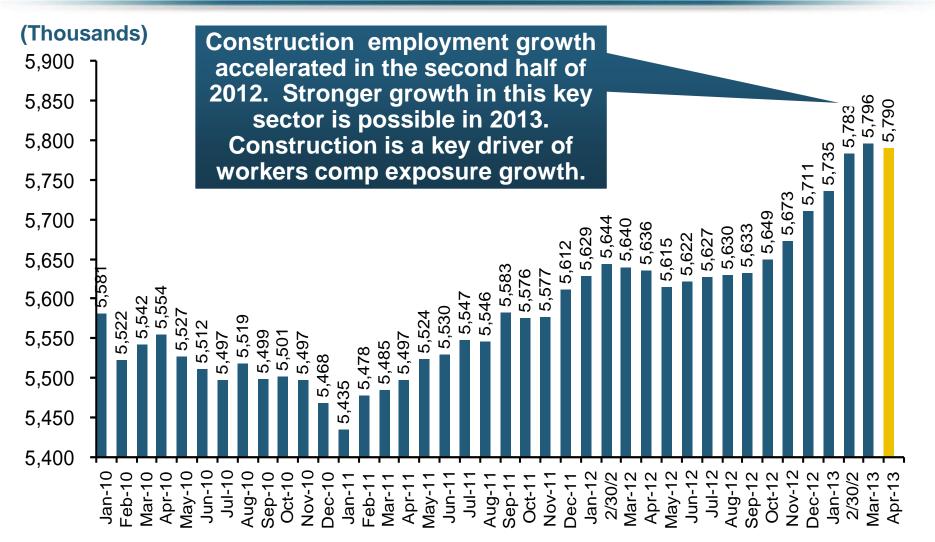


Homeowners Insurers Are Starting to See Meaningful Exposure Growth for the First Time Since 2005. Commercial Insurers with Construction Risk Exposure, Surety; Potent Driver of Workers Comp Exposure

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce; Blue Chip Economic Indicators (5/13 and 3/13); Insurance Information Institute.

## Construction Employment, Jan. 2010—April 2013\*

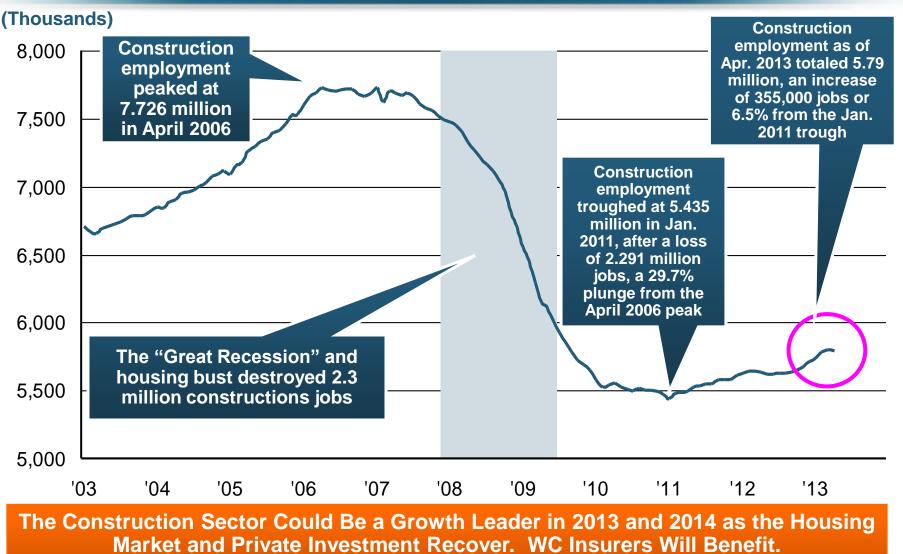




\*Seasonally adjusted Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics at <u>http://data.bls.gov;</u> Insurance Information Institute.

### Construction Employment, Jan. 2003–Apr. 2013

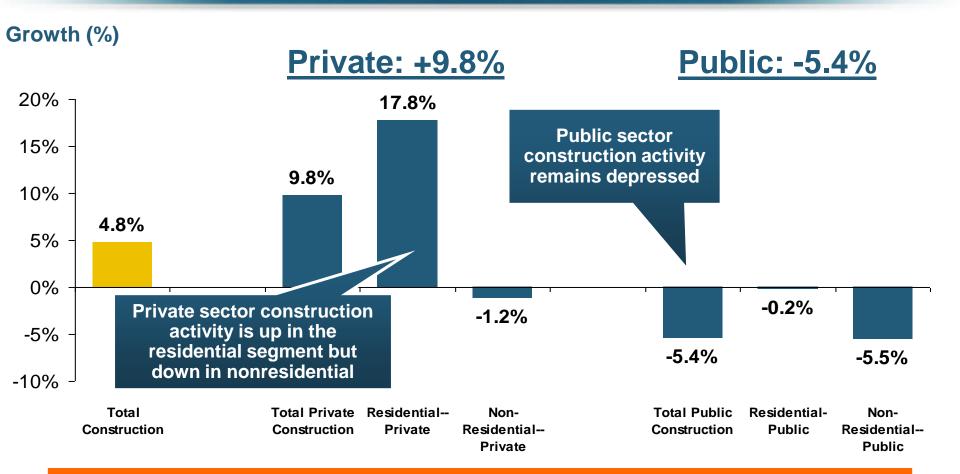




Note: Recession indicated by gray shaded column.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Insurance Information Institute.

### Value of Construction Put in Place, March 2013 vs. March 2012\*



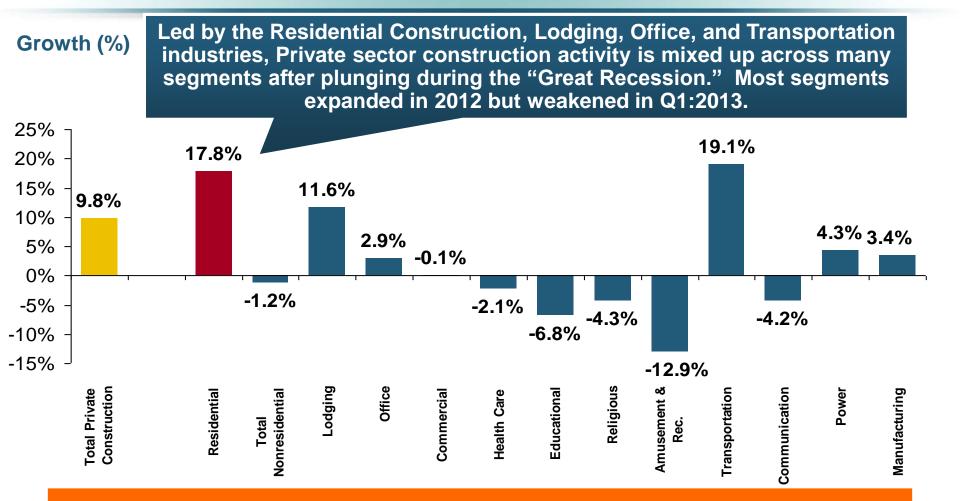
### Overall Construction Activity is Up, But Growth Is Entirely in the Private Sector as State/Local Government Budget Woes Continue

\*seasonally adjusted

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <u>http://www.census.gov/construction/c30/c30index.html</u>; Insurance Information Institute.

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### Value of Private Construction Put in Place, by Segment, Mar. 2013 vs. Mar. 2012\*

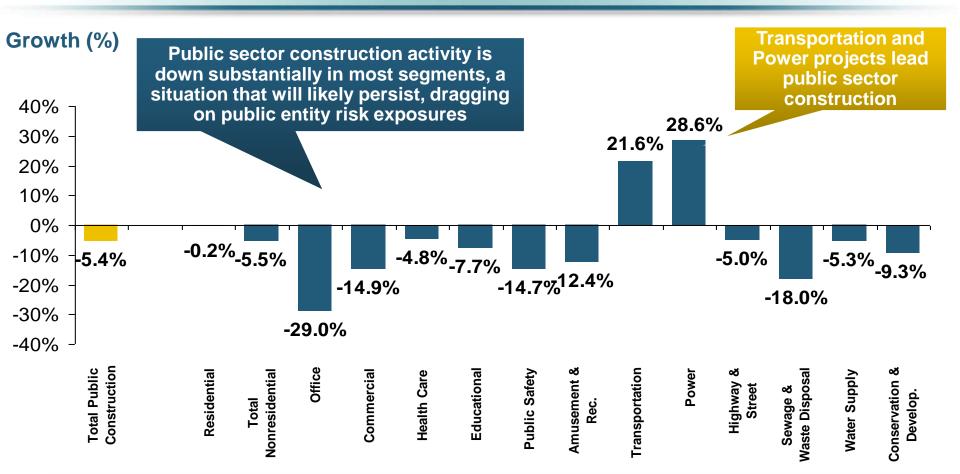


### Private Construction Activity is Up Some Segments, Including the Key Residential Construction Sector, But Weakening in Early 2013

\*seasonally adjusted

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <u>http://www.census.gov/construction/c30/c30index.html</u>; Insurance Information Institute.

### Value of Public Construction Put in Place, by Segment, Mar. 2013 vs. Mar. 2012\*



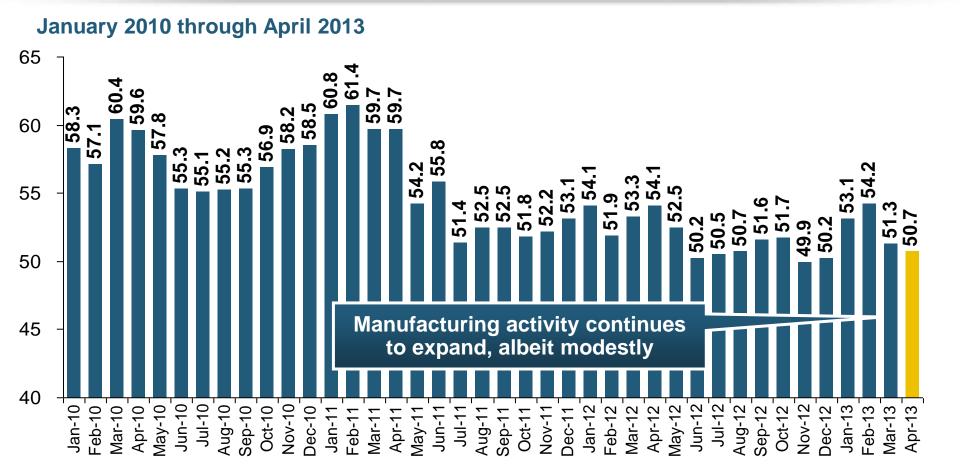
Public Construction Activity is Down in Many Segments as State and Local Budgets Remain Under Stress; Improvement Possible in 2013.

\*seasonally adjusted

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <u>http://www.census.gov/construction/c30/c30index.html</u>; Insurance Information Institute.

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### ISM Manufacturing Index (Values > 50 Indicate Expansion)

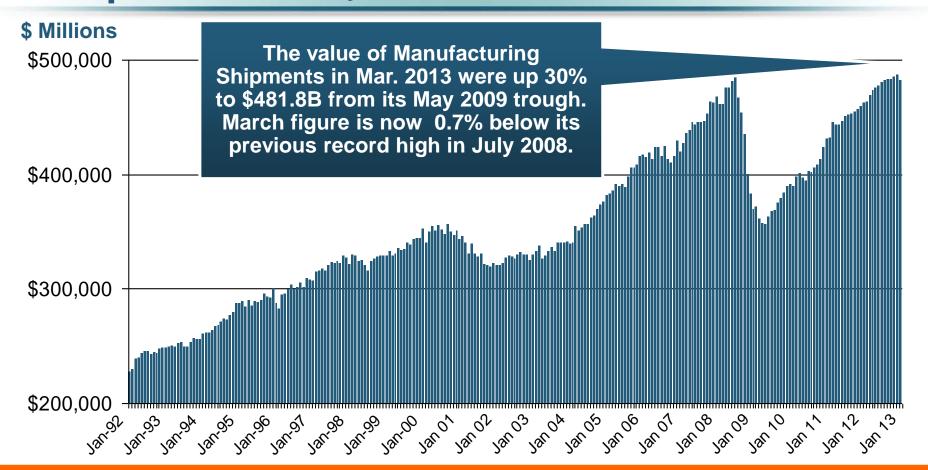


The manufacturing sector expanded for 39 of the 40 months from Jan. 2010 through Apr. 2013. The expectation is that this will continue.

Source: Institute for Supply Management at <u>http://www.ism.ws/ismreport/mfgrob.cfm</u>; Insurance Information Institute.

### Dollar Value\* of Manufacturers' Shipments Monthly, Jan. 1992—Mar. 2013



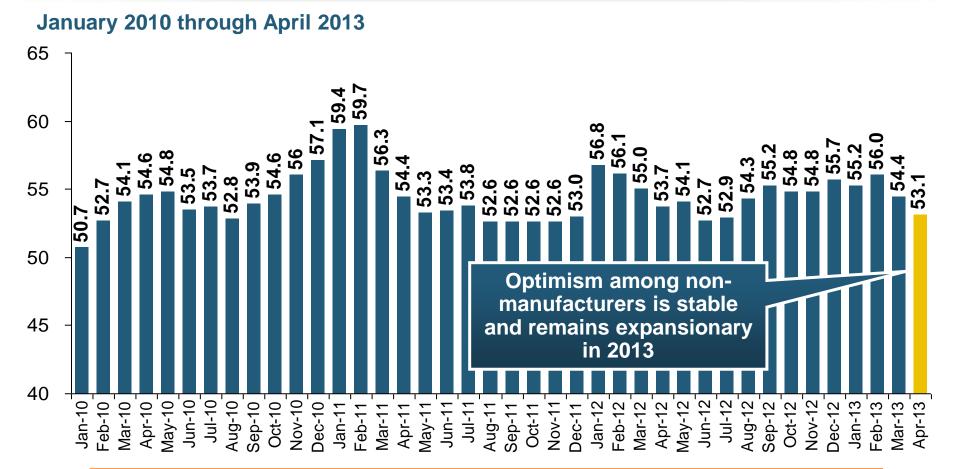


Monthly shipments are nearly back to peak (in July 2008, 8 months into the recession). Trough in May 2009. Growth from trough to Mar. 2013 was 30%. Manufacturing is an energy intensive activity and growth leads to gains in many commercial exposures: WC, Commercial Auto, Marine, Property and Various Liability Coverages

\*seasonally adjusted

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Full Report on Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders, http://www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/

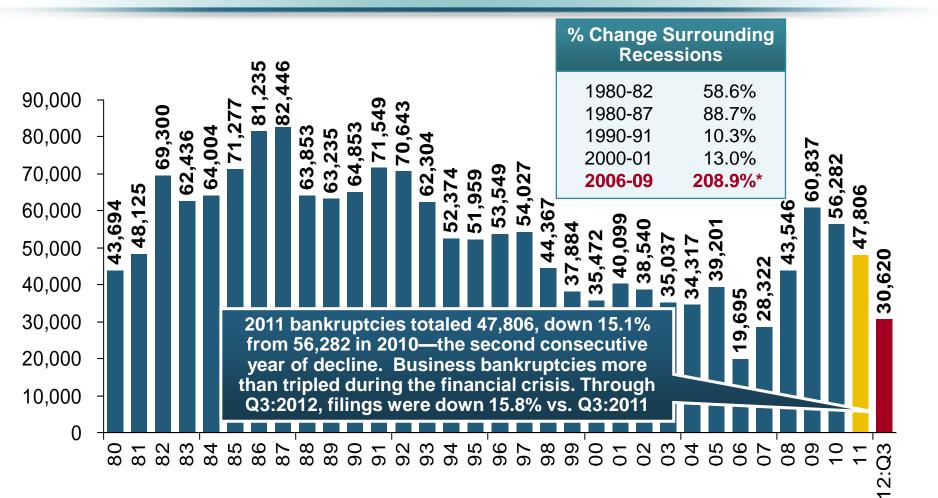
### ISM Non-Manufacturing Index (Values > 50 Indicate Expansion)



Non-manufacturing industries have been expanding and adding jobs. The question is whether this will continue.

Source: Institute for Supply Management at <a href="http://www.ism.ws/ismreport/nonmfgrob.cfm">http://www.ism.ws/ismreport/nonmfgrob.cfm</a>; Insurance Information Institute.

### Business Bankruptcy Filings, 1980-2012:Q3



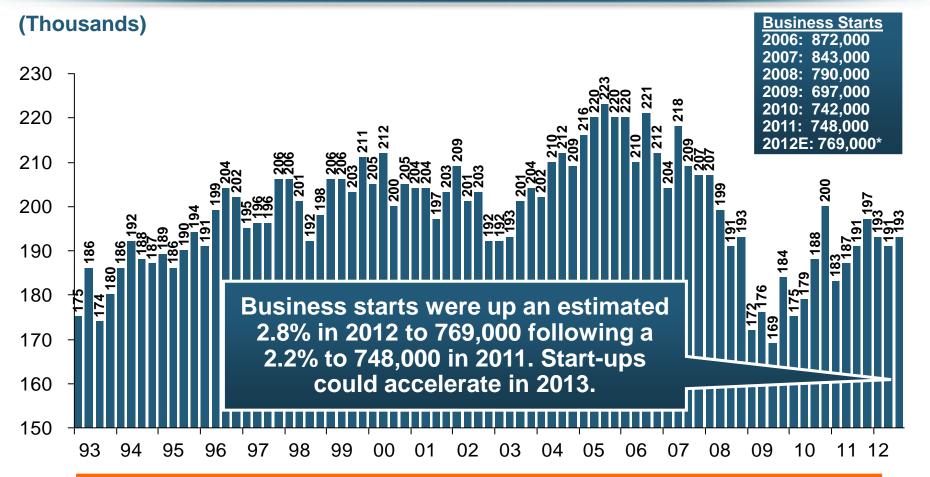
#### Significant Exposure Implications for All Commercial Lines as Business Bankruptcies Begin to Decline

Sources: American Bankruptcy Institute at <a href="http://www.abiworld.org/AM/AMTemplate.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=61633">http://www.abiworld.org/AM/AMTemplate.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=61633</a>; Insurance Information Institute

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### Private Sector Business Starts, 1993:Q2 – 2012:Q3\*





#### Business Starts Were Down Nearly 20% in the Recession, Holding Back Most Types of Commercial Insurance Exposure, But Are Recovering Slowly

\* Data through Sep. 30, 2012 are the latest available as of May 13, 2013; Seasonally adjusted. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, <u>http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cewbd.t08.htm</u>.

### 12 Industries for the Next 10 Years: Insurance Solutions Needed



Health Care	
Health Sciences	
Energy (Traditional)	Many industries are poised for growth, though insurers' ability to capitalize on these industries
Alternative Energy	
Petrochemical	
Agriculture	
Natural Resources	
Technology (incl. Biotechnology)	varies widely
Light Manufacturing	
Insourced Manufacturing	
Export-Oriented Industries	
Shipping (Rail, Marine, Trucking, Pipelines)	

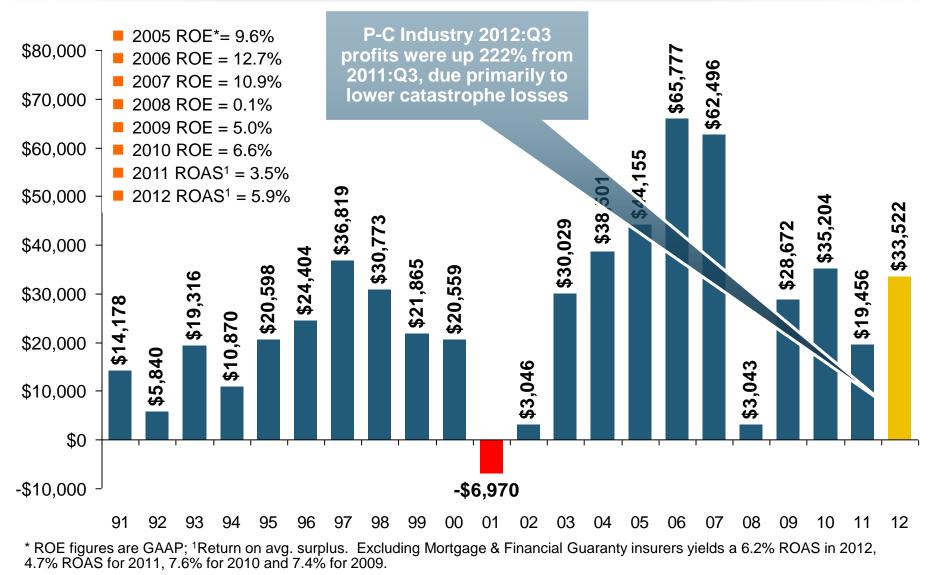


# P/C Insurance Industry Financial Overview

Profit Recovery in 2012 After High CAT Losses; Ultimate Impact of Sandy Still Unclear

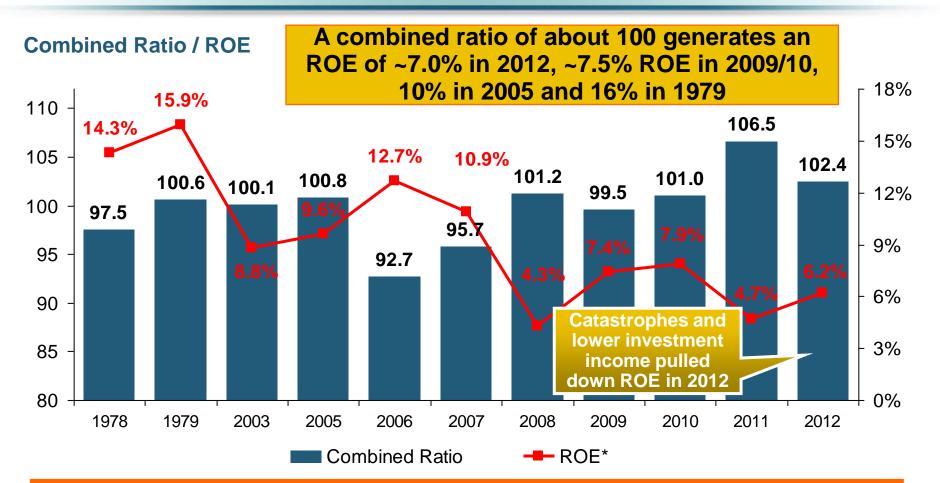
### P/C Net Income After Taxes 1991–2012 (\$ Millions)





Sources: A.M. Best, ISO, Insurance Information Institute

## A 100 Combined Ratio Isn't What It Once Was: Investment Impact on ROEs



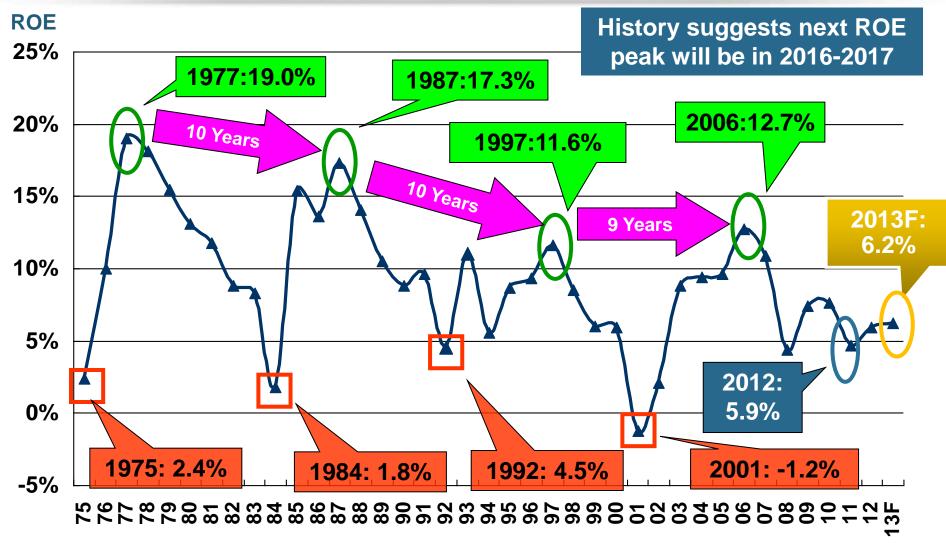
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#### Combined Ratios Must Be Lower in Today's Depressed Investment Environment to Generate Risk Appropriate ROEs

\* 2008 -2012 figures are return on average surplus and exclude mortgage and financial guaranty insurers. 2012 combined ratio including M&FG insurers is 103.2, 2011 combined ratio including M&FG insurers is 108.1, ROAS = 3.5%. Source: Insurance Information Institute from A.M. Best and ISO data.

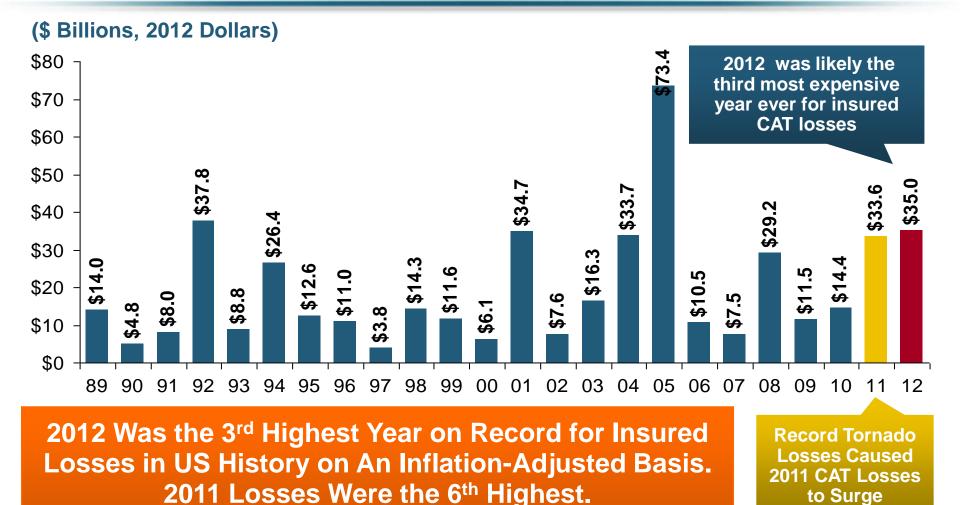
### Profitability Peaks & Troughs in the P/C Insurance Industry, 1975 – 2013F\*

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\*Profitability = P/C insurer ROEs. 2011 figure is an estimate based on ROAS data. Note: Data for 2008-2013 exclude mortgage and financial guaranty insurers. 2012:Q3 ROAS = 6.2% including M&FG. Source: Insurance Information Institute; NAIC, ISO, A.M. Best.

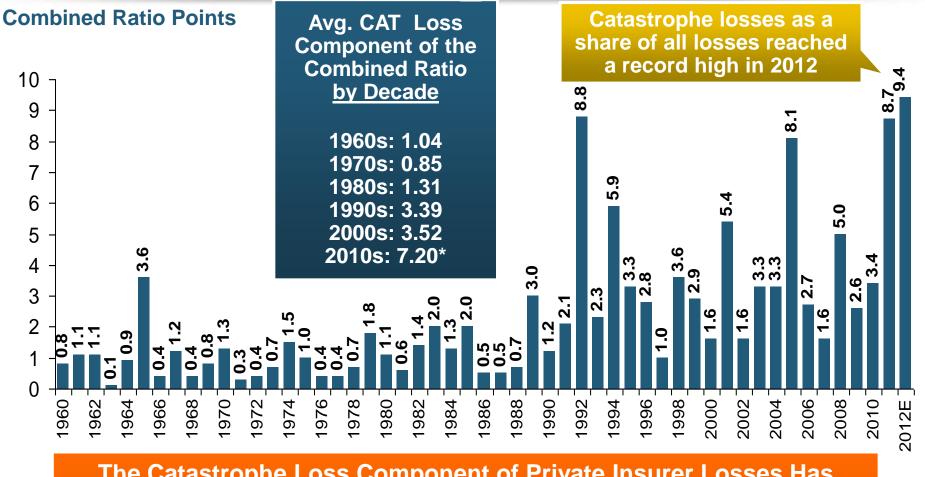
## **US Insured Catastrophe Losses**



Note: 2001 figure includes \$20.3B for 9/11 losses reported through 12/31/01 (\$25.9B 2011 dollars). Includes only business and personal property claims, business interruption and auto claims. Non-prop/BI losses = \$12.2B (\$15.6B in 2011 dollars.) Sources: Property Claims Service/ISO; Insurance Information Institute.

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# Combined Ratio Points Associated with Catastrophe Losses: 1960 – 2012\*



The Catastrophe Loss Component of Private Insurer Losses Has Increased Sharply in Recent Decades

Notes: Private carrier losses only. Excludes loss adjustment expenses and reinsurance reinstatement premiums. Figures are adjusted for losses ultimately paid by foreign insurers and reinsurers.

Source: ISO (1960-2011); A.M. Best (2012E) Insurance Information Institute.



# The BIG Question: Where Is the Market Heading?

Catastrophes and Other Factors Are Pressuring Insurance Markets New Factor: Record Low Interest Rates Are Contributing to Underwriting and Pricing Pressures

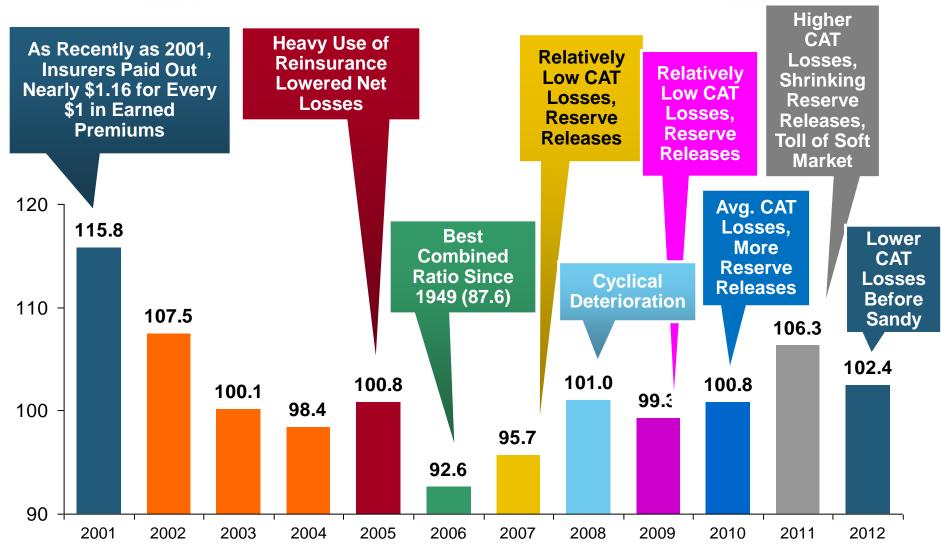


# UNDERWRITING

# Underwriting Results in 2012 Improved Despite High Catastrophe Losses WC Was One Reason Why

### P/C Insurance Industry Combined Ratio, 2001–2012\*

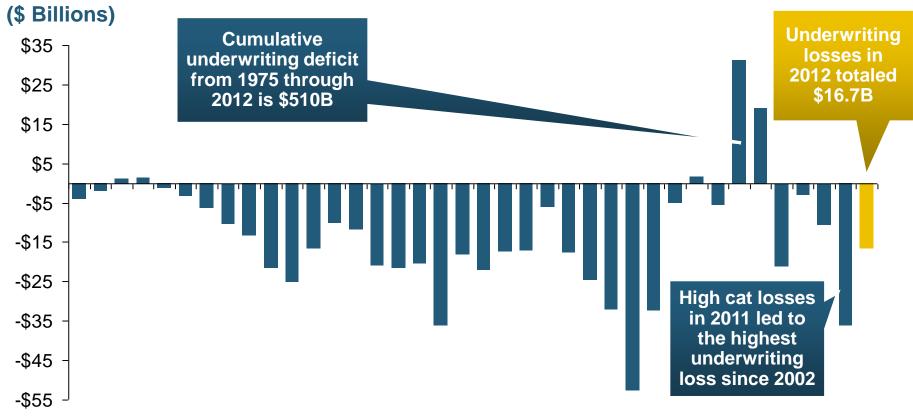
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\* Excludes Mortgage & Financial Guaranty insurers 2008--2012. Including M&FG, 2008=105.1, 2009=100.7, 2010=102.4, 2011=108.1; 2012:=103.2. Sources: A.M. Best, ISO.

## Underwriting Gain (Loss) 1975–2012\*



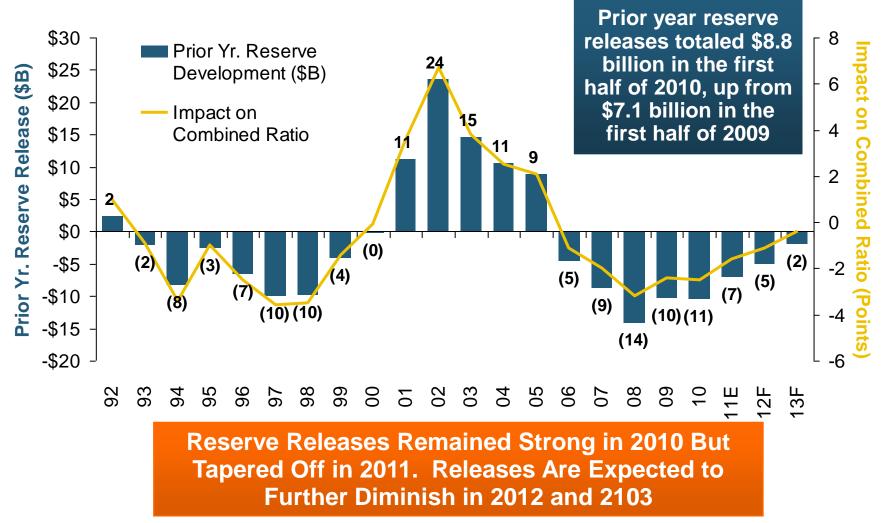


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## Large Underwriting Losses Are *NOT* Sustainable in Current Investment Environment

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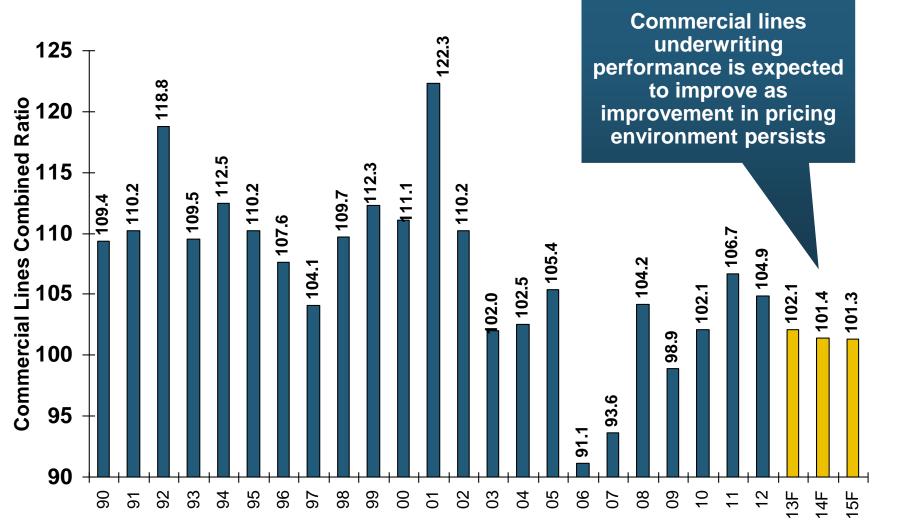
## P/C Reserve Development, 1992–2013F



Note: 2005 reserve development excludes a \$6 billion loss portfolio transfer between American Re and Munich Re. Including this transaction, total prior year adverse development in 2005 was \$7 billion. The data from 2000 and subsequent years excludes development from financial guaranty and mortgage insurance.

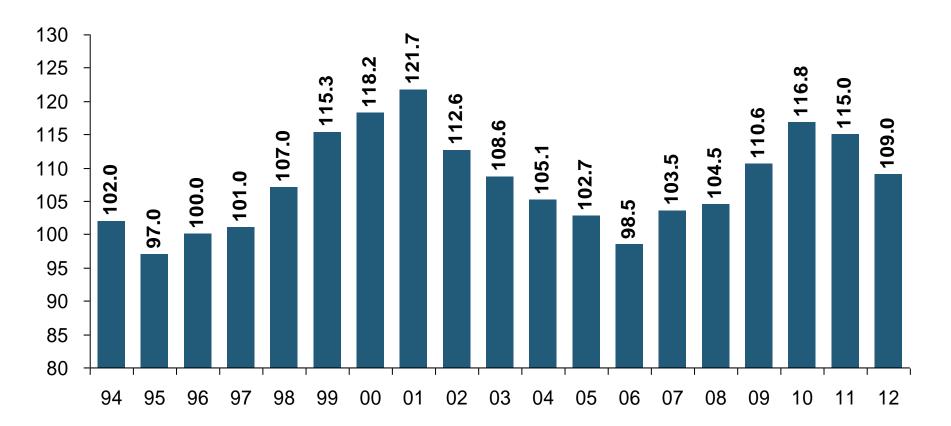
Sources: Barclays Capital; A.M. Best.

# Commercial Lines Combined Ratio, 1990-2015F\*



\*2007-2012 figures exclude mortgage and financial guaranty segments. Source: A.M. Best (1990-2011); Conning (2012-2015F) Insurance Information Institute

### Workers Compensation Combined Ratio: 1994–2012P



Workers Comp Results Began to Improve in 2011-2012. Underwriting Results Deteriorated Markedly from 2007-2010 and Were the Worst They Had Been in a Decade.

Sources: A.M. Best (1994-2010); NCCI (2011-2012P); Insurance Information Institute.

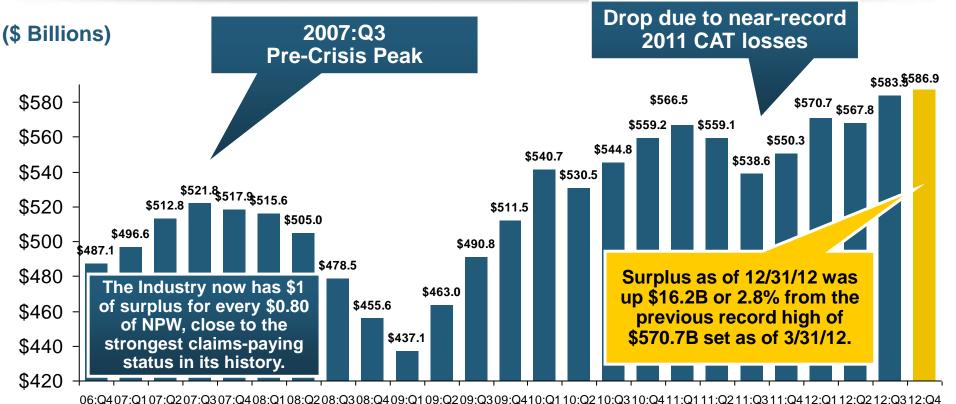


## SURPLUS/CAPITAL/CAPACITY

## How Will Large Catastrophe Losses Impact Capacity?

# Policyholder Surplus, 2006:Q4–2012:Q4





\*Includes \$22.5B of paid-in capital from a holding company parent for one insurer's investment in a noninsurance business in early 2010. The P/C Insurance Industry Both Entered and Emerged from the 2012 Hurricane Season Very Strong Financially.

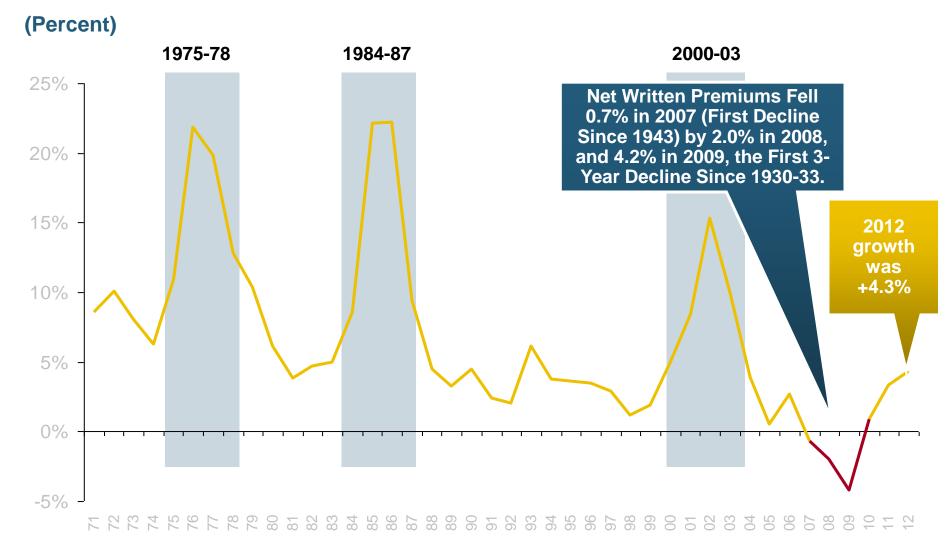


# 4. RENEWED PRICING DISCIPLINE

# **Evidence of a Broad and Sustained Shift in Pricing**

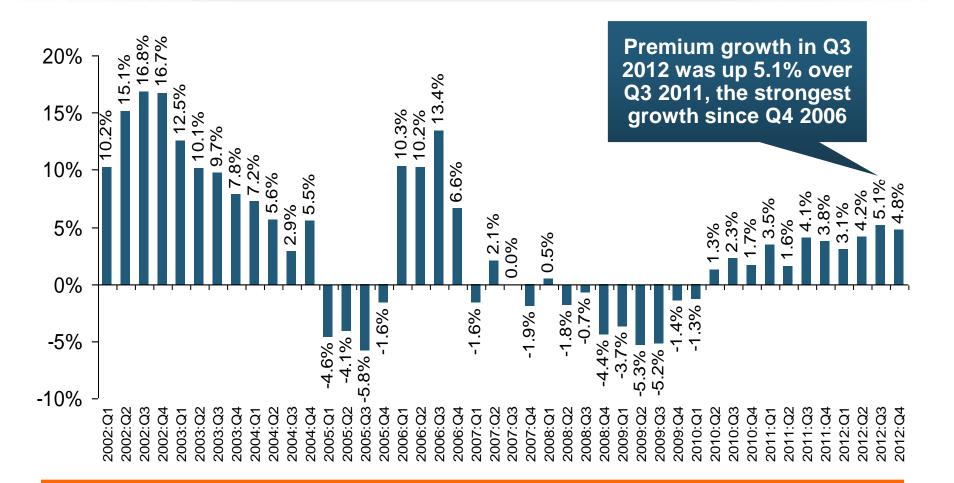
# Net Premium Growth: Annual Change, 1971—2012





Shaded areas denote "hard market" periods Sources: A.M. Best (historical and forecast), ISO, Insurance Information Institute.

### P/C Net Premiums Written: % Change, Quarter vs. Year-Prior Quarter



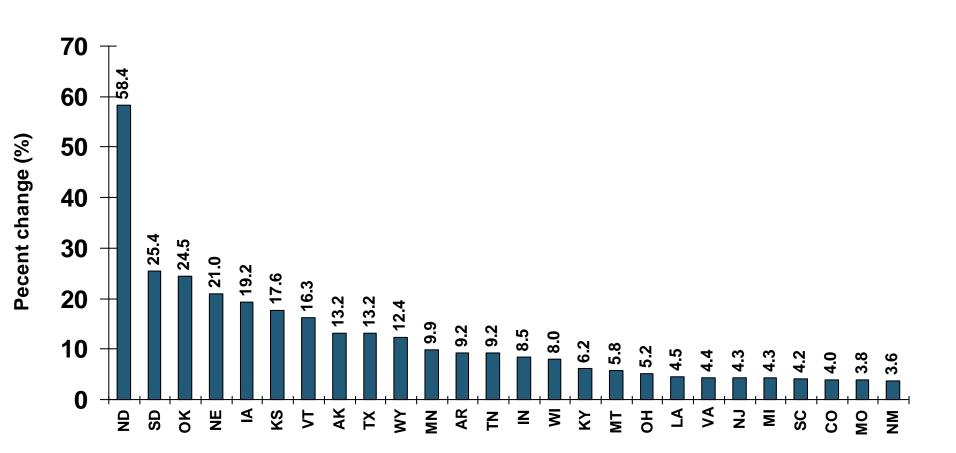
# Sustained Growth in Written Premiums (vs. the same quarter, prior year) Will Continue through 2013

Sources: ISO, Insurance Information Institute.

### Direct Premiums Written: Total P/C Percent Change by State, 2007-2012\*



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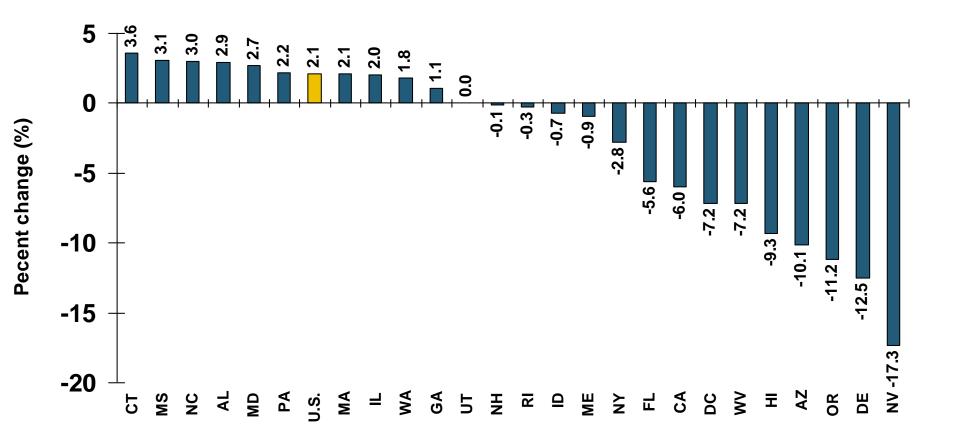


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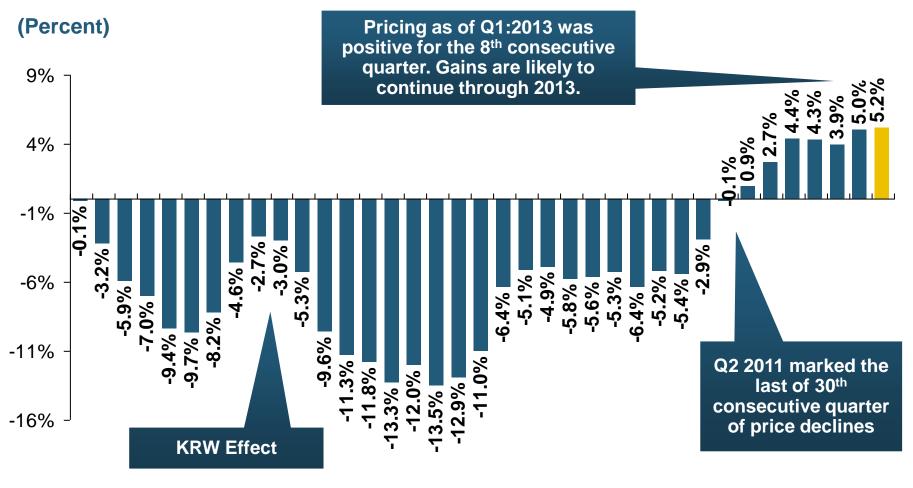


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#### Average Commercial Rate Change, All Lines, (1Q:2004–1Q:2013)



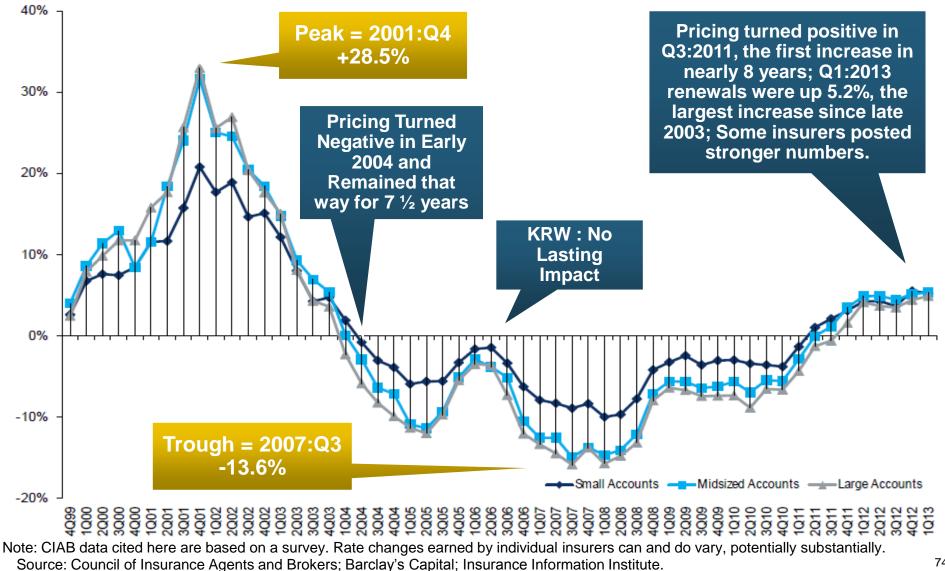


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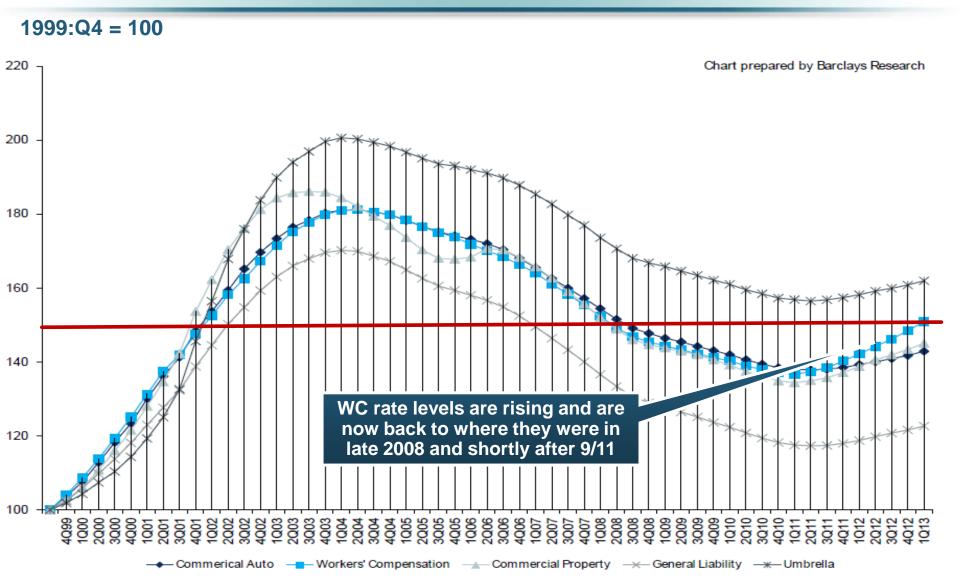
### **Change in Commercial Rate Renewals**, by Account Size: 1999:Q4 to 2013:Q1

#### Percentage Change (%)



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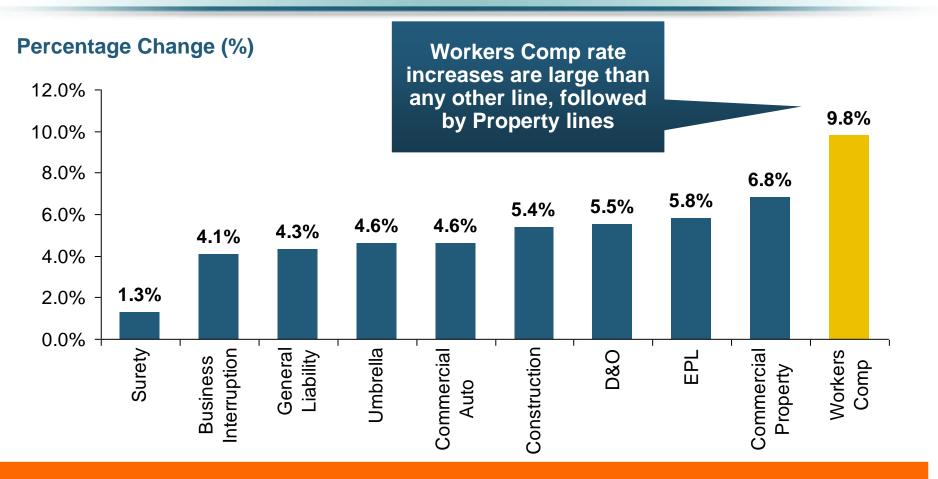
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# Change in Commercial Rate Renewals, by Line: 2013:Q1

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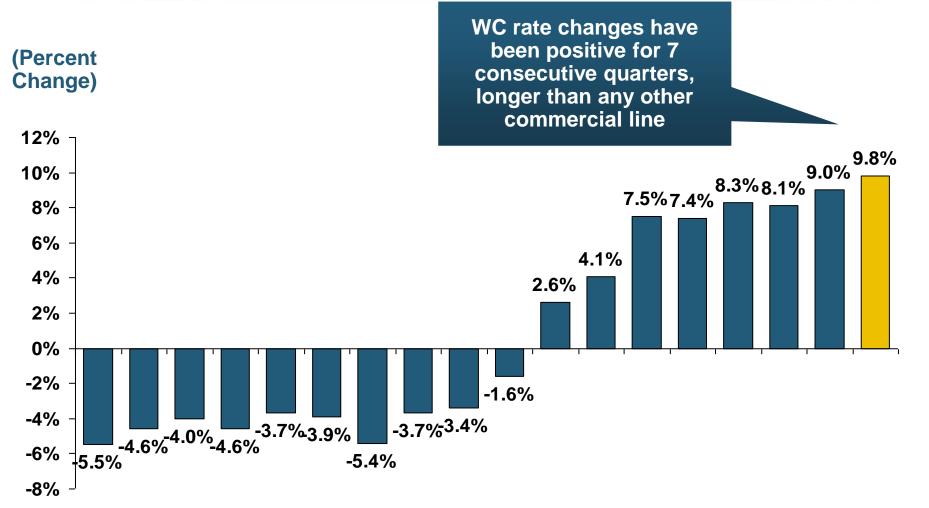


Major Commercial Lines Renewed Uniformly Upward in Q1:2013 for the 8th Consecutive Quarter; Property Lines & Workers Comp Leading the Way; Cat Losses and Low Interest Rates Provide Momentum Going Forward

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## Workers Comp Rate Changes, 2008:Q4 – 2013:Q1

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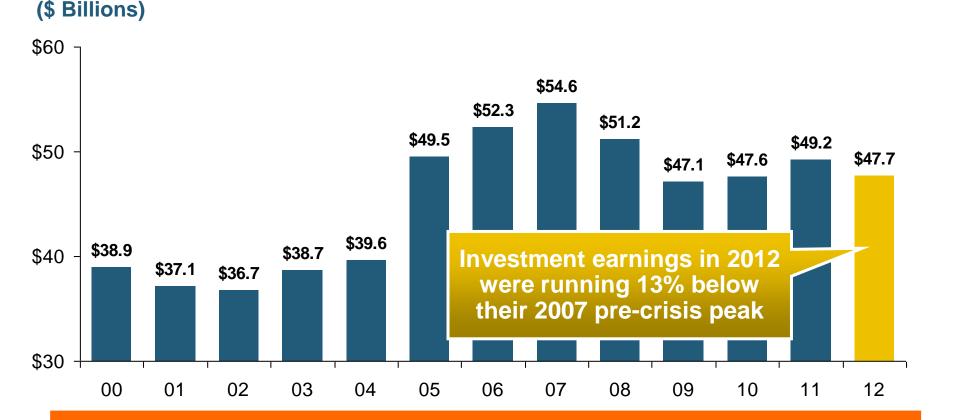


### INVESTMENTS: THE NEW REALITY

Investment Performance is a Key Driver of Profitability

**Depressed Yields Will Necessarily Influence Underwriting & Pricing** 

#### **Property/Casualty Insurance Industry Investment Income: 2000–2012<sup>1</sup>**

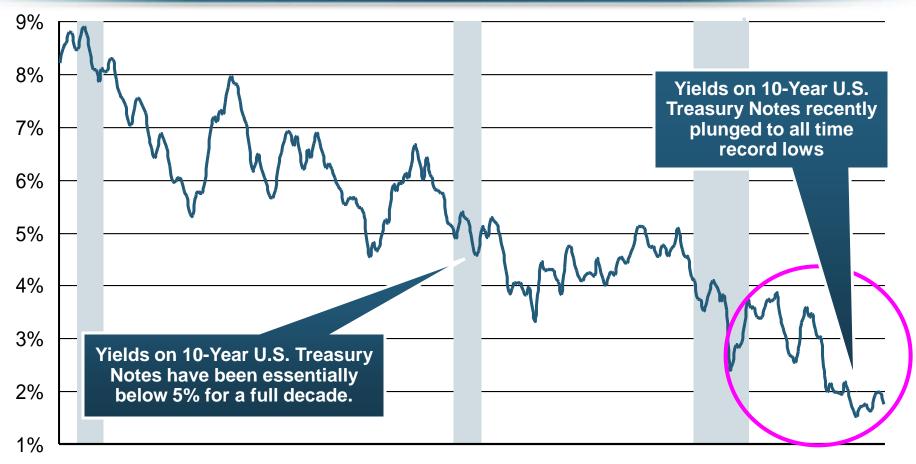


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Investment Income Fell in 2012 Due to Persistently Low Interest Rates, Putting Additional Pressure on (Re) Insurance Pricing

<sup>1</sup> Investment gains consist primarily of interest and stock dividends.. Sources: ISO; Insurance Information Institute.

### U.S. 10-Year Treasury Note Yields: A Long Downward Trend, 1990–2013\*



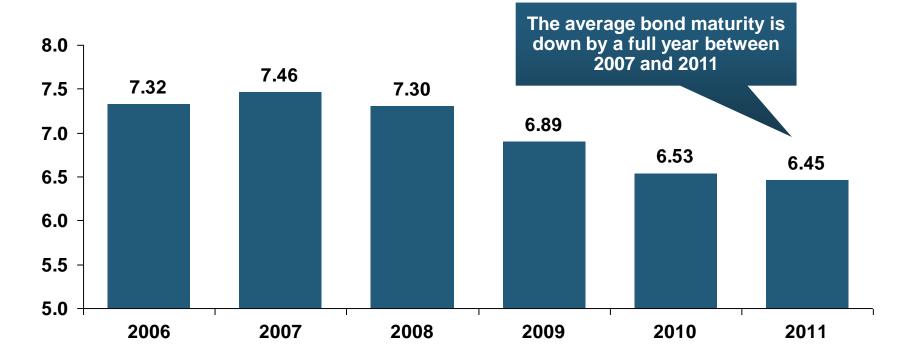
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### Since roughly 80% of P/C bond/cash investments are in 10-year or shorter durations, most P/C insurer portfolios will have low-yielding bonds for years to come.

\*Monthly, through Apr. 2013. Note: Recessions indicated by gray shaded columns. Sources: Federal Reserve Bank at <u>http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/data.htm</u>. National Bureau of Economic Research (recession dates); Insurance Information Institutes. INSURANCE

# Average Maturity of Bonds Held by US P/C Insurers, 2006—2011\*

**Average Maturity (Years)** 



Falling Average Maturity (and Duration) of the P/C Industry's Bond Portfolio is Contributing to the Drop in Investment Income Along With Lower Yields

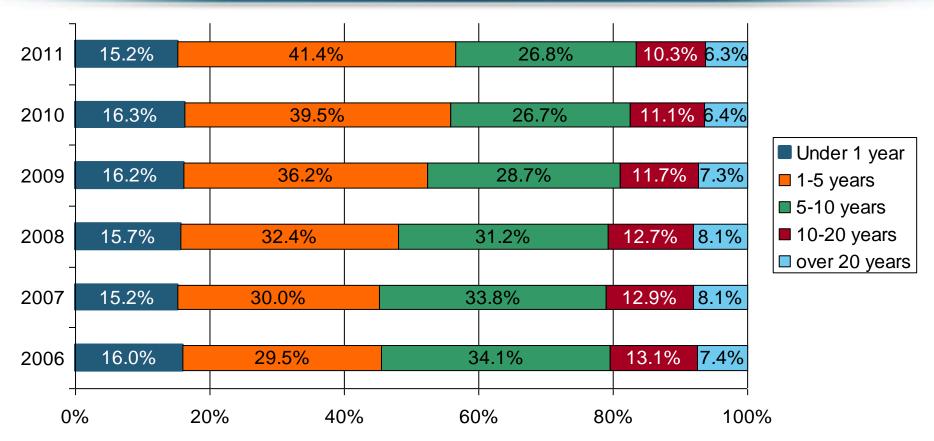
\*Year-end figures. Latest available.

Sources: Insurance Information Institute calculations based on A.M. Best data.

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### Distribution of Bond Maturities, P/C Insurance Industry, 2006-2011



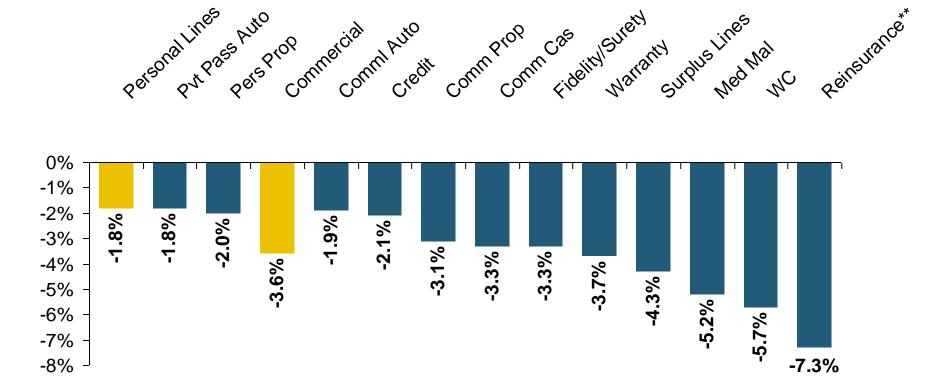


The main shift over these 6 years has been from bonds with 5-10 years of maturity to bonds with 1-5 years of maturity. The industry also slightly trimmed it holdings of bonds in the 10-20-year maturity category and bonds in the longest-maturity category.

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

#### 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

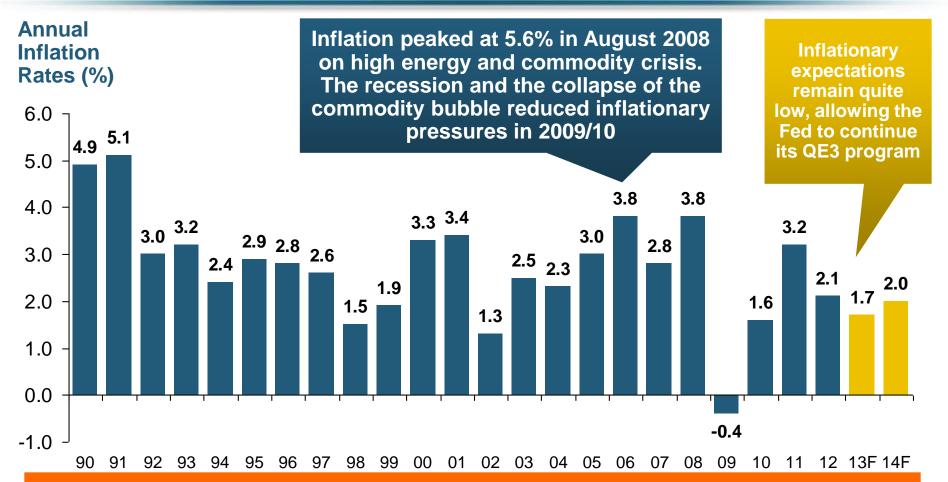
\*Based on 2008 Invested Assets and Earned Premiums

\*\*US domestic reinsurance only

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

#### Annual Inflation Rates, (CPI-U, %), 1990–2014F

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The slack in the U.S. economy suggests that inflationary pressures should remain subdued for an extended period of times. Energy, health care and commodity prices, plus U.S. debt burden, remain longer-run concerns

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Blue Chip Economic Indicators, 5/13 (forecasts).



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