

The State of the L/H Insurance Industry

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Profitability

Relatively Steady But Unspectacular

Life/Annuity Industry Profits, 2001-2010

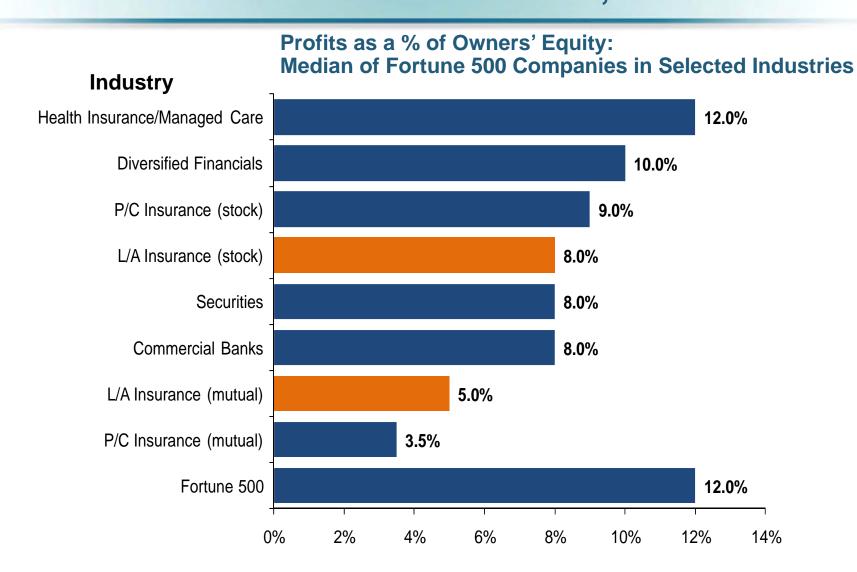




The Life/Annuity industry has produced steady (if unspectacular) profits, except for years in which the industry's investment results produced significant realized capital losses.

Median ROEs for Insurers and Other Financial Services in the "Fortune 500," 2010





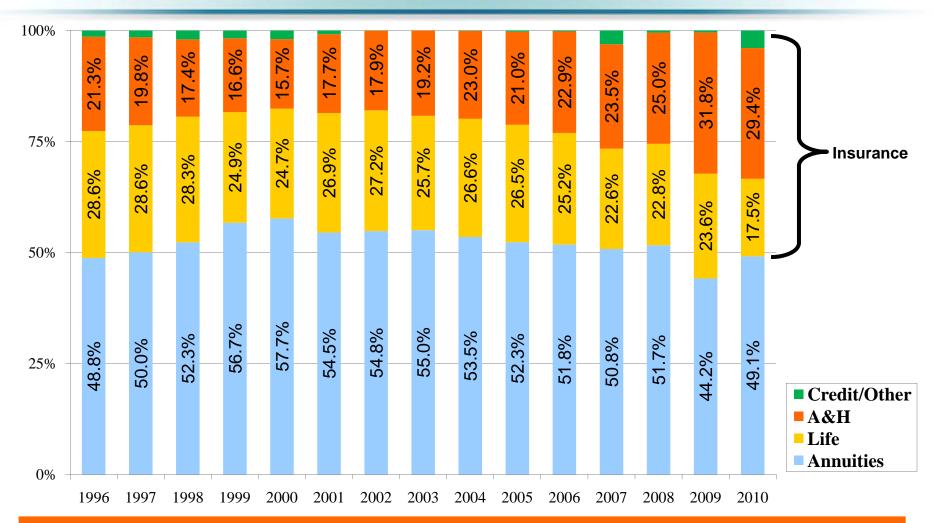


Don't Call It the "Life Insurance" Industry

Annuities Dominate Industry Premiums and Profits

Distribution of Premiums by Line of Business, 1996-2010



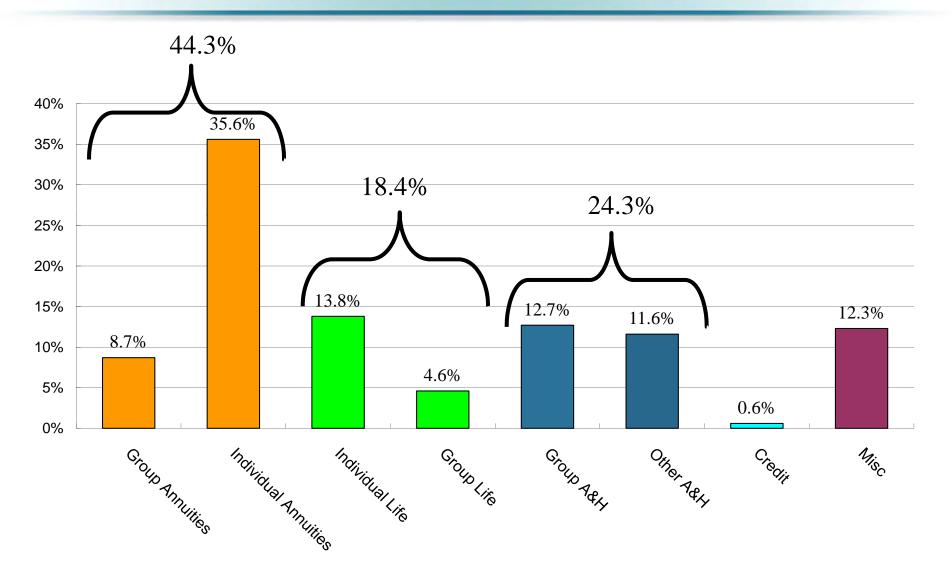


Life Insurance is now 17.5% of total premiums, down from 28% a dozen years ago. Annuities have been the main premium source for decades.

Source: NAIC, via SNL Financial; I.I.I.

U.S. Life/Annuity Insurance Industry Profit Sources, by Percent, 2010





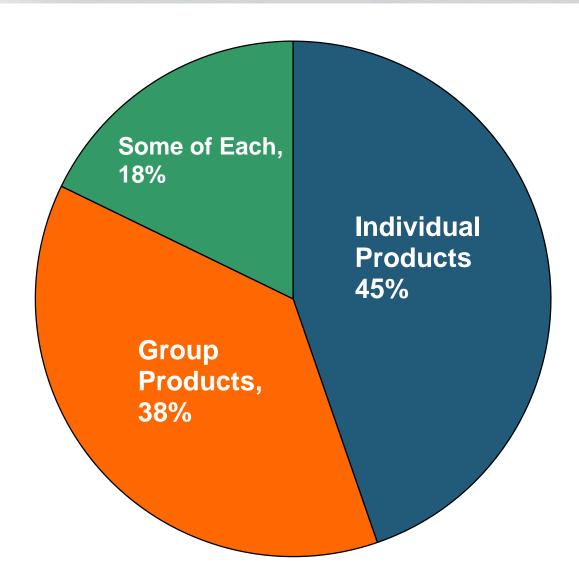
Sources: NAIC Annual Statements, p. 6, from SNL Financial; I.I.I. calculations



Revenues and Revenue Drivers

L-A Direct Premiums by Market, (\$ Billions) 2010

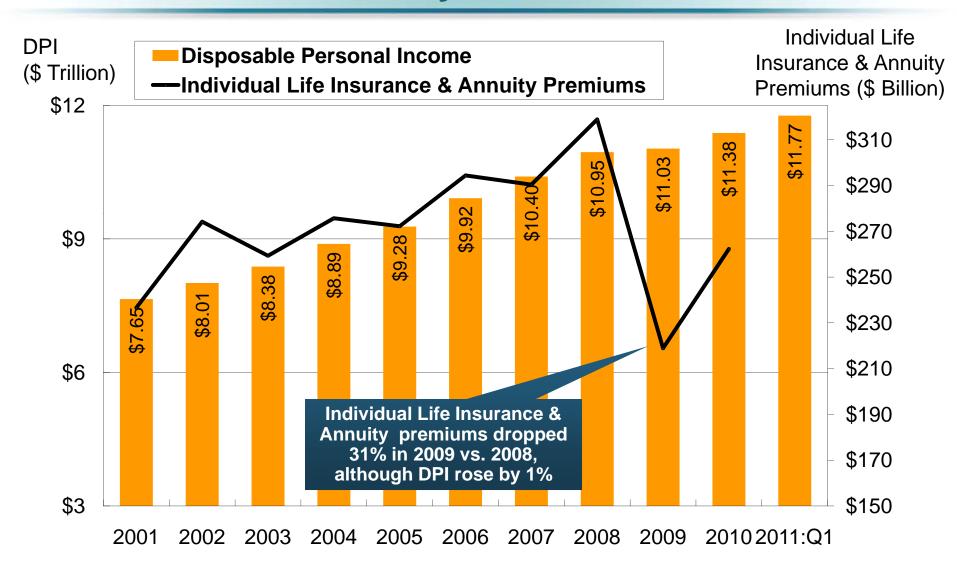




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Individual Life Insurance & Annuity Premiums Generally Track DPI



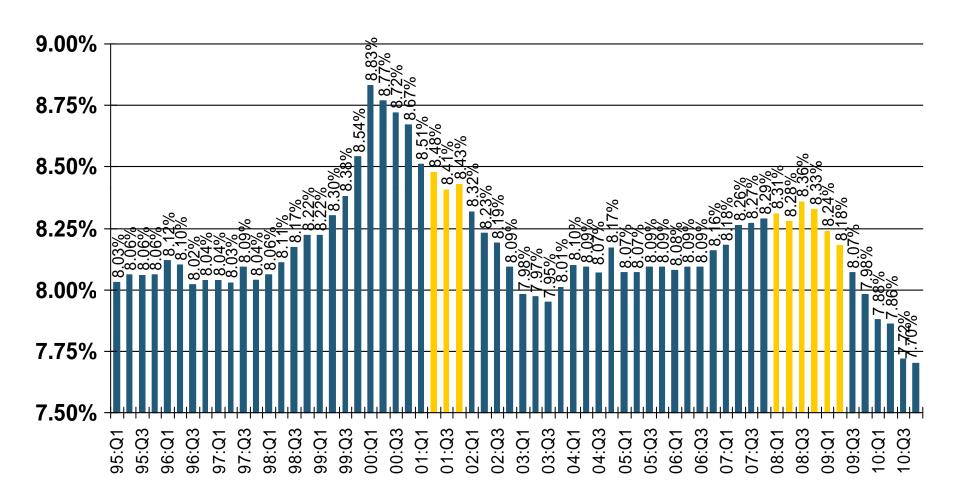


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Spending on Financial Services as a % of Personal Consumption Expenditures,

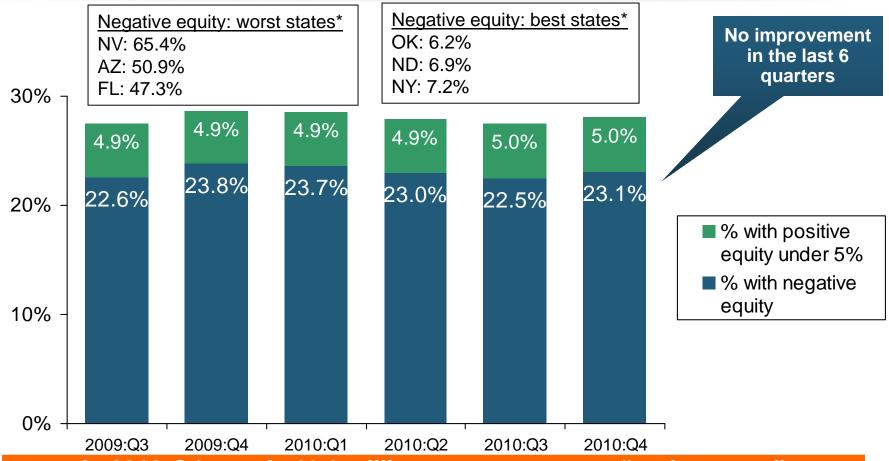


1995:Q1-2010:Q4



Percentage of Homes with Mortgages That Are in Negative (and Near-Negative) Equity*



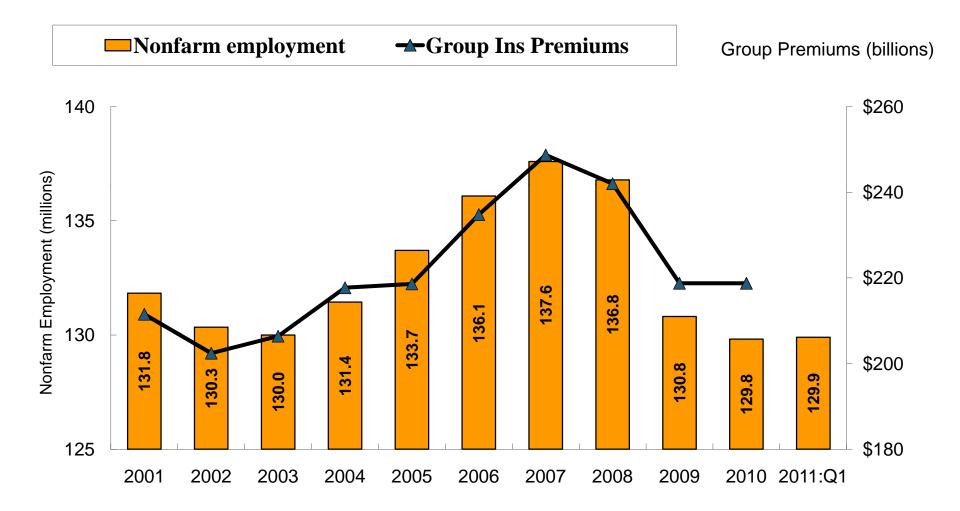


In 2010:Q4, nearly 11.1 million mortgages were "under water," and another 2.4 million were within 5% of going under.
What's worse—prices in many areas are still falling.

^{*}No data on LA, ME, MS, SD, VT, WV, and WY Sources: CoreLogic Negative Equity Report Q4 2010 (March 8, 2011) and earlier quarterly reports; Insurance Information Institute.

Group Insurance Premiums (line) Track Nonfarm Employment (bars)



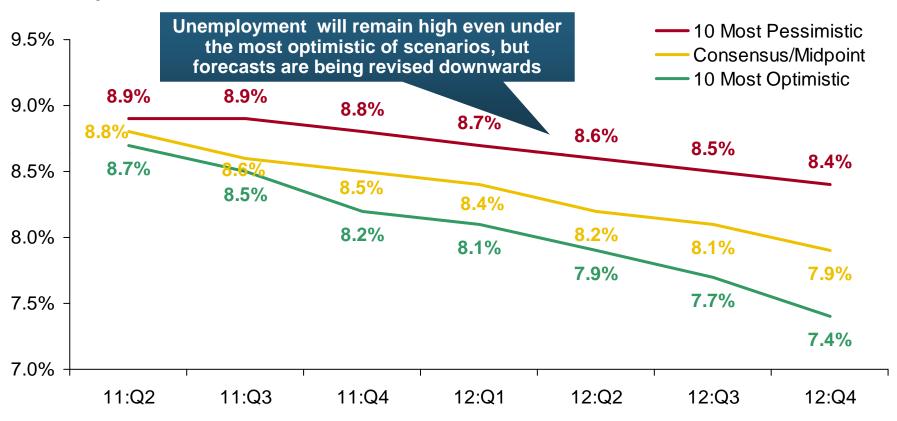


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US Unemployment Rate Forecasts



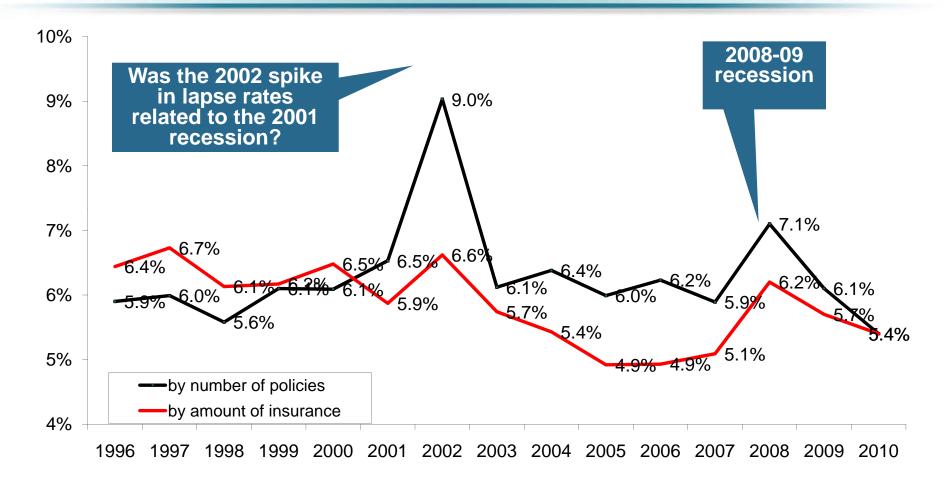




Stubbornly high unemployment will restrain the growth of employersponsored (Group) life insurance, annuities, and health insurance

Ordinary Life Insurance Lapse Rates, 1996-2010





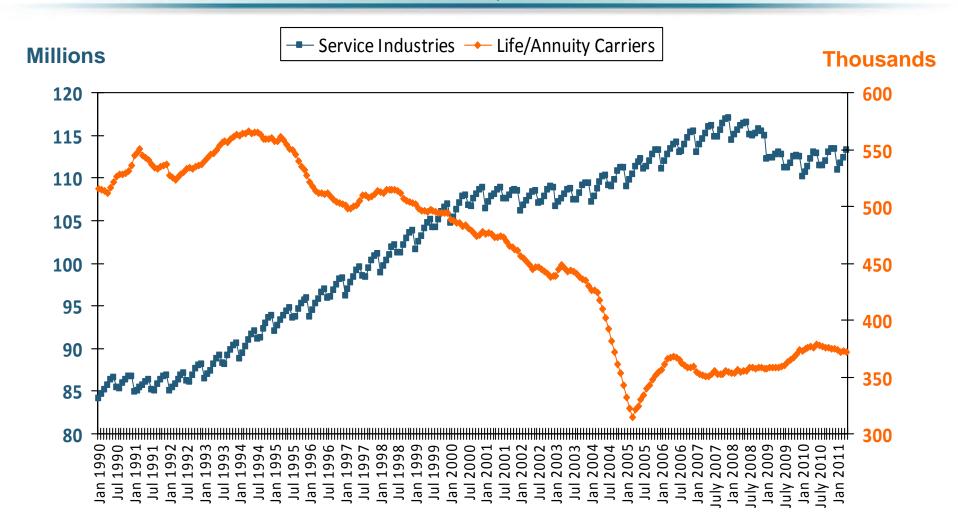




Insurance Industry Employment Trends

Employment in Life/Annuity Insurers vs. Service Industries, Monthly, 1990–2011*



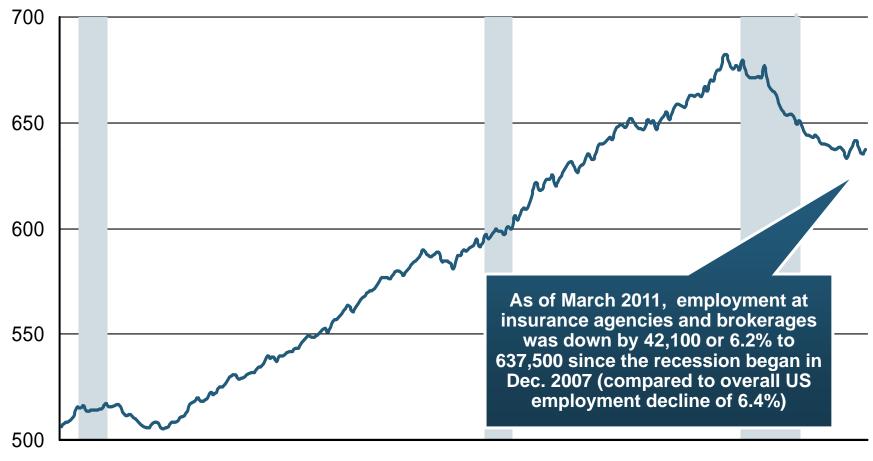


^{*}As of April 2011; Not seasonally adjusted Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Insurance Information Institutes.

U.S. Employment in Insurance Agencies & Brokerages: 1990–2011*



Thousands



'90 '91 '92 '93 '94 '95 '96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11

Note: Recessions indicated by gray shaded columns.

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; National Bureau of Economic Research (recession dates); Insurance Information Institutes.

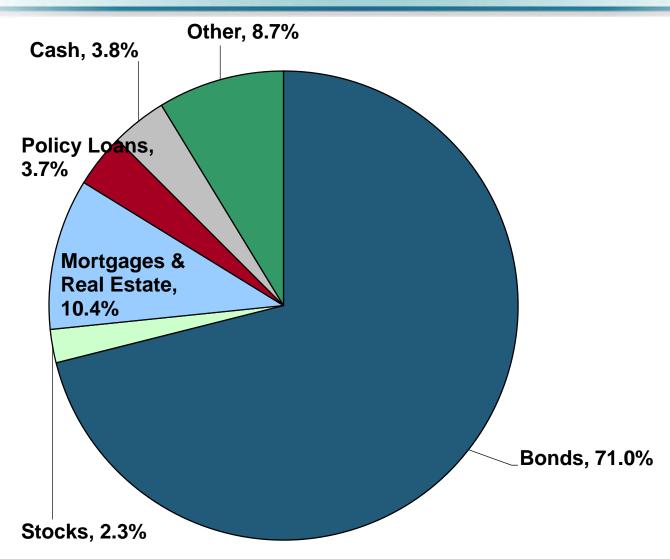
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Investments

Distribution of L/A Insurer Invested Assets (General Account), 2010

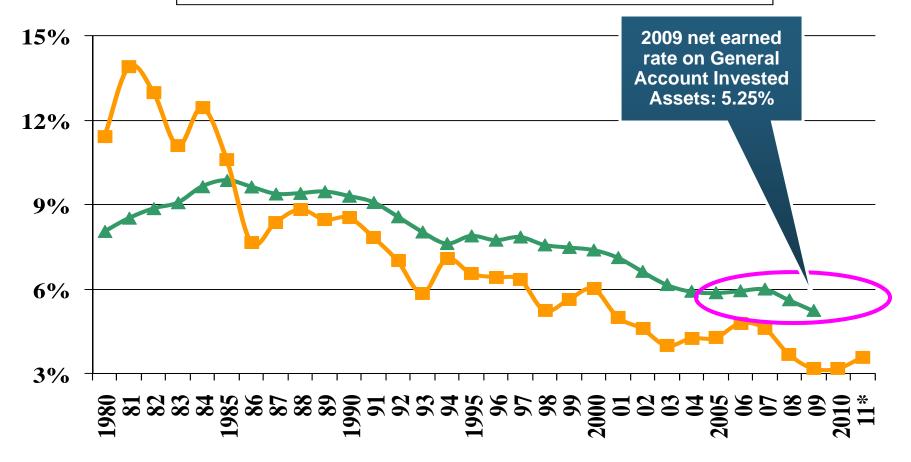




Net Rate on L/A General Account Assets Tends to Follow 10-Year US T-Note

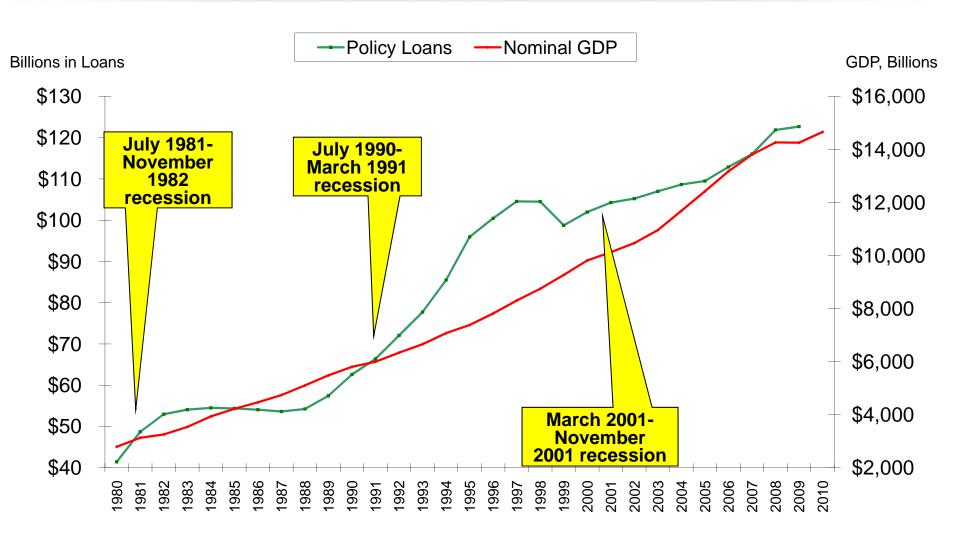


★L/H Net Rate, Gen'l Acct **−**10-Year Treasury Note



Policy Loans Increase During/Following a Recession, but Also in Boom Times





Sources: http://www.bea.gov/national/xls/gdplev.xls, ACLI Life Insurers Fact Book 2010, p. 11.

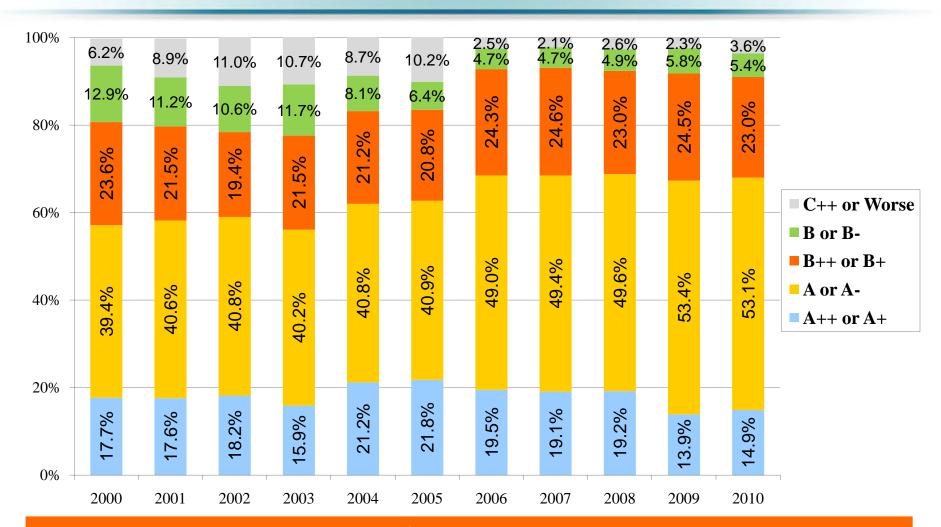


Financial Strength

The Industry Has Weathered the Storms Well

Distribution of A.M. Best Ratings for L-H Insurers, 2000-2010





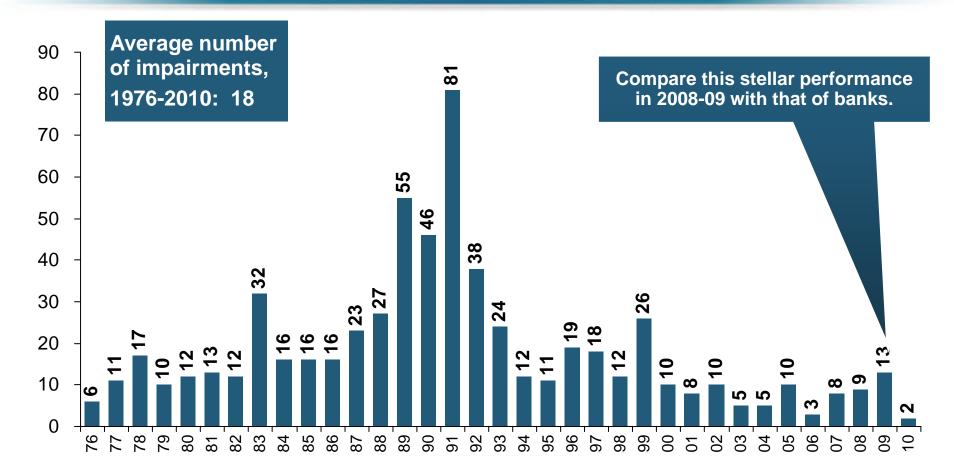
The Percent of A/A- L-H Insurers Has Grown.

Today 2/3 of L-H Insurers Have A. M. Best Ratings of A- or Better

Source: The Insurance Forum, September issue, various years

Number of Impaired L/H Insurers, 1976–2010





The Number of Impairments Spiked in 1989-92, with Smaller Spikes in 1983 and 1999. But in the Financial Crisis, When Hundreds of Banks Failed, Virtually No Life Insurers Failed.

Source: A.M. Best Special Report "1976-2010 Impairment Review", published May 23, 2011; Insurance Information Institute.





Markets: People Over 60?

The Older Generations Might Boost Economic Growth and Life/Annuity Purchases by Continuing to Work

Number Employed, Ages 55 and Over, 2006:Q2-2011:Q1





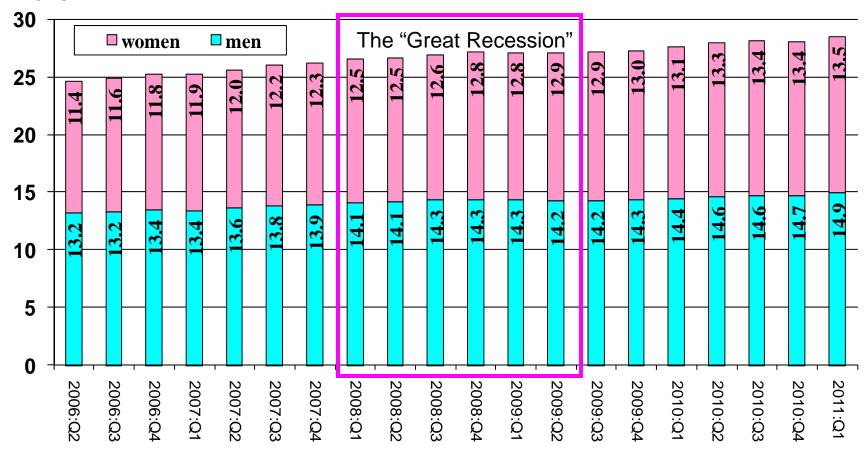


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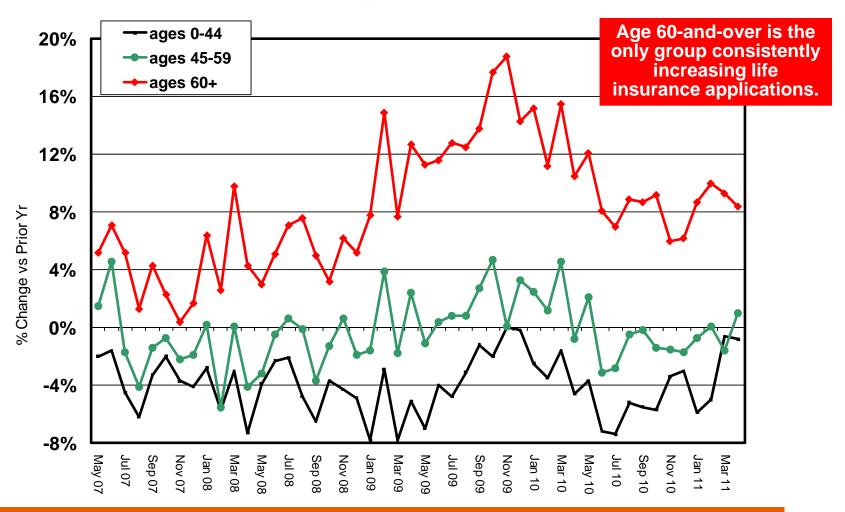
Millions



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Percent Change* in Applications for Individual U.S. Life Insurance Policies





The 0-44 age group still represents the majority of the premium volume, but this has been declining over time.



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