

Adapting to an Ever-Changing and Risky World of Tort Liability

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How Big Are Liability Insurance Markets in Major Economies?

		Premiums & GDP (USD billions)			Percentage Shares		
Rank		Liability	Total Non-Life	GDP	Liability/Total Non-Life	Liability/GDP	
1	US	84.0	531.2	16'802	15.8%	0.50%	
2	UK	9.9	99.2	2'521	10.0%	0.39%	
3	Germany	7.8	90.4	3'713	8.7%	0.21%	
4	France	6.8	83.1	2'750	8.2%	0.25%	
5	Japan	6.0	81.0	4'964	7.3%	0.12%	
6	Canada	5.2	50.5	1'823	10.3%	0.29%	
7	Italy	5.0	47.6	2'073	10.6%	0.24%	
8	Australia	4.8	32.7	1'506	14.8%	0.32%	
9	China	3.5	105.5	9'345	3.3%	0.04%	
10	Spain	2.2	31.0	1'361	7.0%	0.16%	
	Top 10	135	1'150	46'900	11.8%	0.29%	
	World	160	1'550	61700	10.3%	0.26%	

The US and UK have the highest shares of liability premiums relative to GDP

Liability premiums in China account for a much smaller share of GDP

Liability insurance premiums totaled \$160 billion in 2013, accounting for 0.26% of global GDP. This also equates to 10% of global non-life premiums and 23% of global commercial lines premiums

General Liability Claims Incurred as a Percent of GDP



Question as to what will happen when the current period of reserve releases runs its course

Source: Swiss Re, sigma 4/2014; Insurance Information Institute.

- Traditionally, liability claims grow faster than GDP.
- The decline in claims began in 2004 and was revealed by a turn in the reserves cycle.
 Improved safety reduced the frequency of claims.
- After 2008, underlying claims trends slowed down due to the global recession.
- The question is whether economic drivers of claims costs have begun to accelerate in the US and some other countries.
- If historical trends re-emerge, then claims trends are likely to rise with stronger economic growth and at a pace greater than that of overall GDP

US Non-Life Insurance Loss Reserve Development, 1992 – 2016E*



Some Expect Higher Claim Cost Growth to Resume in Post-Crisis Era



Range of Expected Liability Claims Growth (2014-20) vs historic growth (2007-12)



- US, Canada, and the UK have the highest GDP forecasts; France and Italy the lowest.
- The UK and France have historically shown low growth of claims in relation to GDP.
- Canada and Germany have historically high correlations of claims growth to wage and CPI inflation.



Liability claims grew faster than the general economy (measured by GDP)

- Prior to the financial crisis (1975-2007), general liability claims rose roughly 1% for every 1% rise in GDP in the UK and France and 1.4% in Canada and Italy. The US and Germany ranked in between.
- This was also substantially faster than CPI inflation
 - In the US, for example, general liability claims rose 1.9% for every 1% rise in CPI
- Multi-year trends in claims growth are correlated with:
 - Medical expenditure growth (highly) in the US
 - Consumer price and wage inflation in European countries

US Medical Cost Inflation vs. Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI), 1995 – 2014*



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

US National Health Care Expenditures as a Share of GDP, 1965 – 2022F*



Sources: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary at <u>http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NationalHealthAccountsProjected.html</u> accessed 3/14/14; Insurance Information Institute.



US Tort Cost Trends: 1933-Current Era

Examination of Long-Term Escalation of Tort Costs and Evidence of a "Bending" in the Cost Curve

Tort Costs: Rising for Eight Decades



Sources: Trends in Tort Costs, Towers Watson; Insurance Information Institute.

Over the Last Three Decades, Total Tort Costs as a % of GDP Appear Somewhat Cyclical, 1980-2013E





The Nation's Judicial Hellholes: 2014/2015 (Are Now Fewer in Number)



Source: American Tort Reform Association; Insurance Information Institute

Commercial Lines Tort Costs: Insured vs. Self-(Un)Insured Shares, 1973-2010





73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10

Commercial Risks Are More Comfortable Retaining Tort Risks. The Question is Why?

Sources: Towers Watson, 2011 Update on US Tort Cost Trends, III Calculations based on data from Appendix 4.



List of Emerging Risks Future Tort Cost Drivers is Endless

New Risks Emerge Every Day Can They Be Contained and Managed?

A Few Concerns...



- Return of Historical Tort Cost Trends Based on Historical Cost Drivers
- Reversal of Current Favorable Loss Development in Casualty Line
- Emergence of New Risks
 - Fracking
 - Cyber Risk
 - Autonomous Vehicles
 - GMOs
 - New Generation of Environmental Risks
 - Climate Change Litigation
- Reversal/Erosion of Tort Reforms in US
- Export of Mass Tort/Class Action/Collective Redress to Europe, Asia
- Third-Party Financing of Litigation
- Old Issues: Asbestos, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy (flood litigation)

Data Breaches 2005-2014, by Number of Breaches and Records Exposed



The Total Number of Data Breaches Rose 28% While the Number of Records Exposed Was Relatively Flat (-2.6%)

* 2014 figures as of Jan. 12, 2014 from the ITRC. Source: Identity Theft Resource Center.

Data/Privacy Breach: Many Potential Costs Can Be Insured



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